

THE MESSENGER

A GLOBAL COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

From the Desk of the President and Mission Director

Dear friend in Christ,

As challenging and—at times—horrific world events bombard you in the news from every direction, you may feel overwhelmed and possibly discouraged. My desire is that you will see God at work in these events. From a divine perspective they are not surprises and indeed provide paradoxical opportunities for His glory to be revealed. This is true for global situations and for individuals: God's love in Jesus is available for each event.

Your missionaries are sent to strengthen the global church to be God's agents in sharing this love of Jesus. As your missionaries encourage disciple-makers one-by-one, they multiply the missional capacity of the global church to reach communities, including those yet to be reached. Christ's body is His agent to bring reconciliation, peace, healing, and blessing into this world, granting hope where there is discouragement.

May you be encouraged as you read stories here of how God is working through His church to bring that hope. May you see the value of Senders as you engage with Laura and Janine's story of partnership in the Gospel. And may you be drawn into joining the Lord in His work through the prayer concerns shared.



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Photo by Missionary Richard Ranger at Uganda Christian University

You also will receive a special invitation in these pages to join your Society at Ridgecrest this September. Over fifty of your Missionaries and hundreds of SAMS Senders will gather with more than a thousand attendees at the New Wineskins Global Mission Conference to be inspired by God's work around the world. We hope you will be encouraged by joining us at our reception and dinner, and pre- and post-conferences!

Your partner in sending,

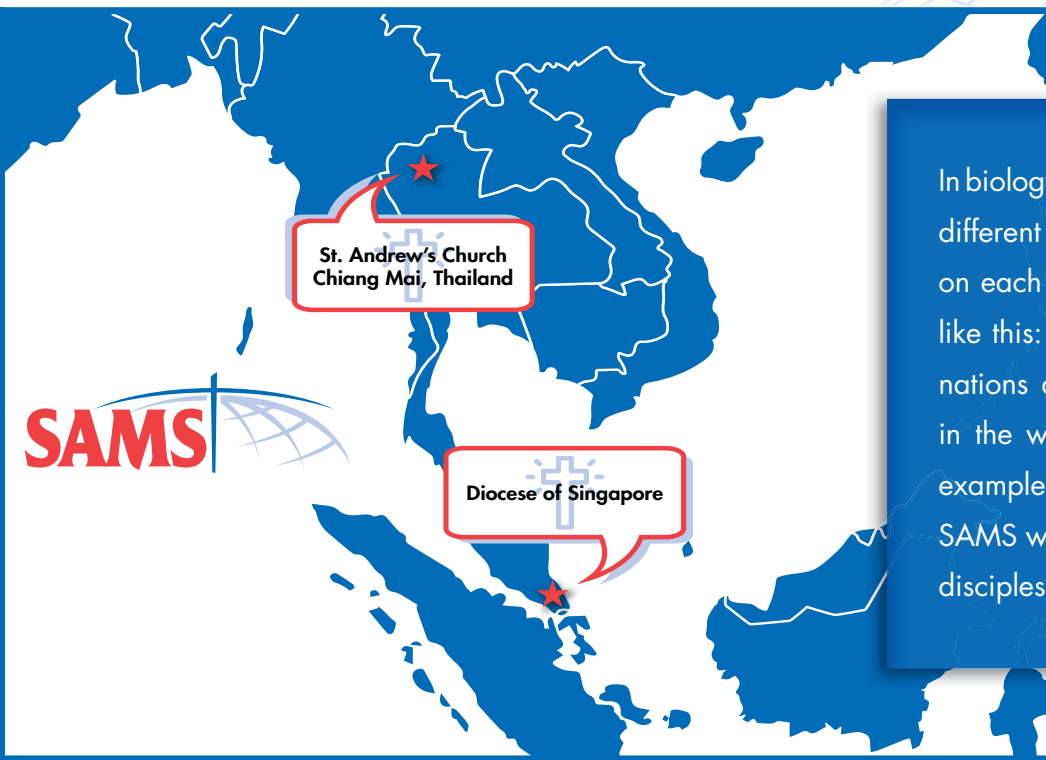



STEWART WICKER
PRESIDENT AND MISSION DIRECTOR

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Partnering in the Gospel from Pittsburgh to Chiang Mai

by Kate Ulrich, Communications Coordinator



In biology, a mutualistic symbiosis is one in which two different organisms thrive in their interdependence on each other. The global church of Christ is a lot like this: it flourishes when believers from different nations and cultures interdepend with each other in the work of the Great Commission. One such example of this is a ministry partnership forged by SAMS with St. Andrew's Church in Chiang Mai for discipleship both in Thailand and the United States.

Nate and Erika Twichell

In 2016, SAMS Missionaries Nate and Erika Twichell sought an international partnership for their new ministry, Agape Year, an Anglican gap year program for college-aged men and women. In the fall of 2016, Mission Director Stewart Wicker visited Thailand to nurture SAMS' relationship with the Diocese of Singapore. The Diocese is planting churches and, ultimately, a diocese in Thailand. The Lord led him to meet Gerry and Jeanne Gan, who are Singaporean missionaries to Thailand. As he got to know them and their commitment to Christ, Stewart sensed a heaven-sent match for Agape Year. In God's providence, Gerry and Jeanne turned out to be the perfect fit to partner with Nate and Erika in their vision of mentoring young American Christians in cross-cultural mission.

This partnership has strengthened the body of Christ, both in Thailand and in the United States. Agape Year

Fellows from 2017 to 2020 served as English language teachers in the Siriaunda School at St. Andrew's Church, a key outreach of the congregation to its predominantly Buddhist neighbors. Conversely, God has used Gerry, Jeanne, and the community at St. Andrew's to mentor the Fellows in their identity in Christ and His global mission. In addition, Nate and Erika's home sending church, Church of the Ascension, Pittsburgh, has developed an enriching relationship with St. Andrew's.

Caleb Collings

Caleb Collings was one of the Agape Year Fellows who went to Thailand in the very first cohort (2017-2018). Serving under Gerry and Jeanne's leadership gave him a missional outlook for everyday life. Caleb, and his co-fellow Lucas, had a lot to learn about cultural differences. "We didn't know where our boundaries were, and Gerry was able to have cultural insight for us. He saw it as an



Caleb Collings (Agape Year Fellow, on right), supports Gospel-centered outreach at St. Andrew's by teaching English at the church's school.

opportunity to minister to us. Through daily ministry and relationships, he modeled listening to God's calling in individual steps each day. He showed how to build a ministry out of that and be faithful. It's not always the big things, it is daily life."

Amelia Bailey

Due to the pandemic's impact, Agape Year Fellows were not able to go to Thailand for two years. However, as usual, they served cross-culturally in the USA, including teaching ESL for internationals at Church of the Ascension. Amelia Bailey (a 2021-2022 Fellow from Ascension) has always enjoyed cross-cultural experiences, and has also wanted to be a teacher. Teaching ESL was a dream come true for her. She shared on the Agape Year blog, "I'm thankful for the opportunity I've had to connect with people who have different cultural backgrounds than me. God has certainly provided not only for my needs but also my desires. I have thought about teaching ESL for quite a while, and now I know that I love doing it."

Amelia has wanted to serve in Thailand since she met some missionaries to Thailand as a 13-year-old in Texas. Now, God has opened the Thai border again and also called Amelia to serve there for nine months as a SAMS Missionary Bridger, starting in October! She will be able to teach English and engage missionally in the community through the church. SAMS and Church of the Ascension can resume the partnership with St. Andrew's Church, with Amelia as a "bridge". The Lord's work continues, even as he fulfills the desire of Amelia's heart.



Jeanne and Gerry Gan (on the right) teach visiting Senders from Church of the Ascension (Pittsburgh, PA, USA) about their ministry in a predominantly Buddhist culture.



Having completed her service as an Agape Year Fellow, Amelia Bailey is excited to serve as a Missionary Bridger in Thailand for nine months.

Gospel Hope Goes Global from Temuco, Chile

by Kate Ulrich

In spring 2020, Missionaries Russ and Heidi Smith were stuck at home in Temuco, Chile, unless they obtained a 4-hour-pass, available twice a week from the police department. Prevented from leading their church in-person, the Smiths began ministering online. They had as many as seventeen video calls per week, and with people as far away as Italy, Togo, Kuwait, and Pakistan. God has worked miracles through relationships new and old.



Russ and Heidi (in the yellow box) have seen God work in wonderful ways through online ministry during the pandemic. To read how God has worked through Rufina (third row, far left), scan the QR code!

Heidi had already been in a weekly prayer group with other local women, including one woman named Rosmarie. Daily prayer meetings online began in earnest when Rosmarie's husband, Pedro, became one of the first people in their community to fall frighteningly ill with COVID-19. After two weeks on a ventilator, his lungs miraculously started functioning again. Heidi shares, "He has made a complete recovery, yet the online prayer group begun at that time continued daily for 2 years, praying for many, many other 'hopeless' situations. We have seen our own relationships with God grow and deepen as we have been witnesses to His power and answers to prayer in our midst."

Even when God's answers to their prayers were not as desired, this prayer group has seen His faithfulness and hope changing lives. In 1995, the Smiths had the privilege of bringing their son's kindergarten teacher, Carla, to Christ. Now she lives 1,500 miles away in Northern Chile, but they reconnected with her via Zoom in 2020 and she joined the nightly prayer meeting. Sadly, she faced crisis when her husband of twenty years abandoned her and their family. Heidi explains, "It has not been easy, but God has been faithful in sustaining Carla. She says she would not be coping well were it not for the support of this group."

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Iglesia Esperanza (Hope Church), one of the rural congregations whom Russ and Heidi seek to encourage in the Great Commission.



God also opened doors globally for healing prayer and making disciples. Rufina, Heidi's Bible study participant about whom you can read in the Spring/Summer 2021 edition of *The Messenger*, has been used powerfully by God following her miracle-filled hospital stay in 2020. To read the remarkable story of how God has used Rufina and others to spread His hope across borders and an ocean, scan the QR code or click the link above!

After nineteen months of lockdown, Russ is excited to be getting back to in-person ministry with the Diocese of Araucanía, preaching at several churches. Many of the parishes are "family churches," which means a church is made up of one extended biological family. Russ works to inspire these churches to make disciples of Jesus beyond their comfort zone. This passion also flows into his work with the Rural Bible Institute, which trains church leaders theologically to serve in rural contexts.

Two unusual years of ministry have given Russ and Heidi deepened confidence in the Lord. "Our Way Maker has used this time of pandemic for His purposes in our lives," Heidi shares. "As one song states, 'even in this time of lockdown, God is not locked down.' And as 'Way Maker' (by Sinach) says, 'Even when I can't see it, You're working. Even when I can't feel it, You're working. You never stop, never stop working!'"



Pedro (left), Rosmarie (right), and others in the Heidi Smith's daily prayer group saw God bring restoration to Pedro's health and many other situations.

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McCall Family



Amanda Scott



Steve &
Debbie Buckner



Jack Melvin



Veronica Flowers



Jeannie Loving



Miller Family



Eduardo & Hilda Monzon



Vivanco Family

September 1-3: Missionary Bridgers (One to twelve-month missionary interns)

Give thanks for the ministries of: **David & Sarah Anderson** (Southeast Asia and Europe), **Amelia Bailey** (Thailand), **Deb Carr** (Kenya), **Sam & Dena Ferguson** (Congo), **Patrick Lutalo** (Uganda), **Lucy Renneker** (Honduras), and **Julia Pacheco** (Chile). Pray for God's continued leading in their service of His kingdom.

September 4-10: NORTH AMERICA: Mexico

Lift up **Roger and Joanne** as they assist in the oversight of churches in Mexico. Pray mightily for Mexico's deliverance from the grip of drugs and violence, for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and for healthy church leaders to spread the Gospel of His peace.

Pray with **Meredith** for provision of a pastor for their church, and for the ministry to bear fruit in a city impacted by violence. Pray that Meredith and other church leaders would seek the Lord and make godly decisions.

September 11-17: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras

Lift up **Suzy McCall, Amanda Scott, and Steve & Debbie Buckner** in Tegucigalpa, serving at LAMB Institute for children at risk. Give thanks for the short-term mission teams who are returning. Lift up Honduras for restoration of justice. May children who have returned to their schools thrive. Give thanks for the new home for adult special-needs "lamb." Pray for Gospel hope to shine.

September 18-24: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras

Pray for **Jack Melvin** as he serves the poor. Pray for scholarship children, including Johana as she graduates and applies to nursing schools. May God bless the construction of Jack's new home and retreat center in Copan Ruinas. Pray that many would experience God's presence through Jack's ministry.

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

Pray for **SAMS All Society Retreat** and the **New Wineskins Global Mission Conference** in Ridgecrest, NC, that missionaries and Senders may be encouraged and equipped and that God may be glorified in all nations.

September 25-October 1: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras

Pray for wisdom for **Jeannie Loving** and that the church in San Lorenzo will continue to grow in the Holy Spirit's presence. Pray for blessings and health for the clergy and parishioners in Honduras.

Pray with **Mike & Kim, Liliana, and Katherine Miller** in FL for Hope of Jesus Children's Home in Honduras as they continue to minister to children, young adults, and families.

October 2-8: CENTRAL AMERICA: Costa Rica

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

October 9-15: SOUTH AMERICA: Ecuador

Pray for **Roberto & Cameron, Graham, Liam, and Francis Vivanco** in Quito, for their ministry to children and students in difficult situations, and their leadership roles at English Fellowship Church and Youth World. Pray their family may be healthy in balancing the many aspects of cross-cultural life and ministry.

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Russ & Heidi Smith



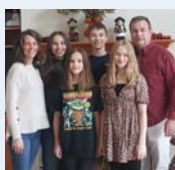
Benton Family



Whitaker Family



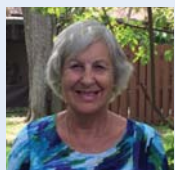
Larson Family



Long Family



Chaves Family



Jacky Lowe



April Sylvester



Gresser Family



Weeldreyer Family



Weber Family

October 16-22 SOUTH AMERICA: Chile

With **Russ and Heidi Smith** in Temuco, pray for graduating Rural Bible Institute students and incoming students. May the Smiths' visits to rural churches encourage parishioners in Christ's hope. Pray for provision of a pastor for Reino de Dios Church.

October 23-29: OCEANIA: New Zealand

Pray that **Guy & Summer, Isaac, Quinn, Norah, and Addison Benton** may shine Christ's light in their neighborhood in Wellington, as they serve in parish revitalization 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.

October 30-November 5: ASIA: Cambodia

Join **Gregory & Heidi, Saeeda, Brynne, Aubrey, Ivy, and Madeleine Whitaker** in interceding for Cambodia. Pray for protection of the vulnerable from human trafficking. Lift up the Church of Christ Our Peace as it strengthens congregational life. May the Whitakers thrive, including Saeeda and Brynne at university.

Lift up Candidates **Eric & Liz, Zeke, and Elias Larson** as they raise up Senders for their ministry in Cambodia. Pray for them both as they serve their community and prepare for future ministry, and for good health for Eric.

November 6-12: ASIA: Indonesia

Pray with **James & Nanci, Anna, George, Mary, and Della Long** for the people of Indonesia. Pray for those that worship as Providence Anglican Church online and in person. Lift up Mission Caritas, assisting refugees and the needy.

November 13-19: AFRICA: Kenya & Madagascar

Pray for **David & Lucy, Joshua, Paul, Zuri, and Mark Chaves** as they minister through Kenya Connection from Virginia. May God use Lucy's role as program director to inspire and equip Kenyan young adults to serve the Lord.

Pray for **Jacky Lowe**, that God would guide her in His will. Lift up the poor and hungry, especially in Madagascar, that they may know Jesus and His love.

November 20-26: AFRICA: Zambia and Malawi

Lift up **April Sylvester** ministering in Ndola, Zambia. Pray that Zambians would experience restoration in mental health through her work. Pray for her graduate studies in mental health.

Pray for Candidates **Robert & Traci, Andrew, Peter, Daniel, and June Gresser**, raising up Senders for theological education ministry in Malawi. Give thanks for Robert's summer mission to teach seminary in Africa. Pray for the preparation for their move to Malawi in 2023, including Peter's start of college in the USA.

November 27-December 3: AFRICA: Rwanda

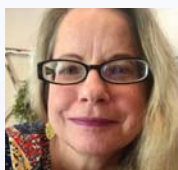
Pray for **Wade & Chelsea, and Evelyn Weeldreyer** as they adjust to life in Kigali, Rwanda. May God establish them as they seek to strengthen churches and equip church leaders through theological education.

Lift up Candidates **Ben & Cherie, May, Conor, Abigail, Jonathan, Michaela, and Shiloh Weber** as they raise up Senders to support their ministry of church development in Rwanda. Pray for their older son and his family remaining in the USA – **Gabriel & Shadaiya, Everly and Lyla**.

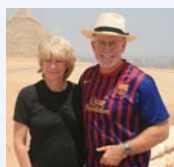
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Janine LeGrand



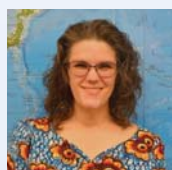
Cathy Clevenger



Richard & Martha Menees



Mary Chowenhill



Jessica Hughes



Richard & Catherine Ranger



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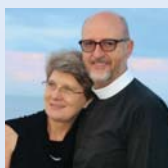
Trent Pettit



David & Patricia Ayres



Kerry & Cynthia Buttram



Johann & Louise Vanderbijl



Jack & Mary McDonald

December 4-10: AFRICA: Uganda

Pray for **Janine LeGrand** and **Cathy Clevenger** serving the Diocese of Masindi-Kitara. May Janine have insight for changing situations. Lift up her recently started Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Nutrition (WaSH-Nut) ministry. Lift up Cathy in her first year bringing mental health education to the diocese. Pray the community may be equipped to make known the love of Christ.

Lift up to the Lord **Richard & Martha Menees**, raising up Senders to partner with them in their return to long-term ministry in Uganda.

December 11-17: AFRICA: Uganda

Pray with **Mary Chowenhill** that the business incubation center at Uganda Christian University (UCU) will train creative entrepreneurs serving God's kingdom. Pray for Mary's health and guidance.

Pray for **Jessica Hughes'** efforts developing UCU's eLearning program, spreading the Gospel across Africa. Pray for the leaders she is equipping in the School of Theology.

Lift up **Richard and Catherine Ranger's** ministry at UCU. May Richard's work on energy research projects enable the body of Christ in Uganda to care for the environment and the people living there. May God guide Catherine in her ministry of mentorship.

December 18-24: AFRICA: South Sudan & Northern Africa

Pray that Candidates **Abraham & Daruka, Naomi, Mary, David, Emmanuel, Martha, and Anna Nhial** may thrive as Abraham ministers as Bishop of Aweil in South Sudan. May the diocese preach the Good News of Jesus Christ. Pray for the poor, and lasting peace in South Sudan. May God raise up Senders to partner in ministry.

Lift up **J&K** as they learn language and begin ministry in North Africa. Pray for their children's adjustment to a new home.

Pray with **Trent Pettit** for peace in Ethiopia, and for the witness of the church there. Ask for God's provision for his graduate studies and discernment for the future.

December 25-31: EUROPE: Germany and Central Europe

Pray with **David & Patricia Ayres** that the congregation of Christ Church Berlin will continue to be faithful disciples who make disciples. Pray for guidance in opportunities to serve God in Berlin, and for Senders to join them in ministry.

Pray that **Steve V.** would have opportunities to impact the people of his country with the Gospel. Pray for wisdom in sharing the Lord with friends who don't know Him. Pray that his Senders may experience God's unconditional love.

January 1-7: EUROPE: The Netherlands

Pray for **Kerry & Cynthia Buttram**, serving in Christ Church Amsterdam, along with a new colleague. Give thanks for answers to prayer and for the encouraging signs of growth.

Pray for **Johann & Louise Vanderbijl** in their first year of ministry in Heiloo. Pray that they will lead their church in disciple-making that will engage their community in Christ's love.

January 8-14: NORTH AMERICA: United States of America

Pray with **Mary and Jack McDonald** in Blacksburg, VA, that international students at Virginia Tech would seek Christ and be found by Him. May God bless the Anglican Creation Care Network and Mary's veterinary ministry in Africa. Lift up to the Lord the McDonald's children.

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Behrens Family



Blaine Family



Todd & Patsy
McGregor



Twitchell Family



Alenskis Family



Lift up **Daniel & Rebekah, Sabal, Darcy, and Mary Behrens** as they serve 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.

January 15-21: NORTH AMERICA: United States of America

Pray for **Jesse & Sarah, Clara, Adelai, and Ridley Blaine** in Denver, CO, that their church plant would grow, and for continued provision of faithful leaders. Pray for Sarah in her role as SAMS Missions Coach for inquirers, asking God to "raise up laborers for the harvest."

Pray for **Todd & Patsy McGregor** in Stuart, FL, as Todd serves as a SAMS Missions Coach. Pray for Patsy's new book, *The Window of My Soul*, and other writing projects. Lift up a musical team preparing to travel from Mauritius and Madagascar to South Florida in March.

January 22-28: NORTH AMERICA: United States of America and Canada

Pray with **Nate & Erika, Henry, Annie, George, and Jack Twichell** in Pittsburgh, PA, serving as Co-Directors of Missionary Bridger Internships this year. May the Lord use them to raise up and equip Bridgers and new Agape Year fellows.

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

January 29-February 4: 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), **Matt & Sora Colvin** (theological education and health ministry), **Bunny Cowan** (teaching in Honduras), **Wayne & Nicole Curtis** (youth ministry in South Africa), and **Kathy Decker** (communications in Peru).

February 5-11: Associate Missionaries (USA-based, globally-focused volunteers):

Lift up to the Lord **John & Ninfa Dixon** (outreach on the Mexican border), **Cathy Donahoe** (health ministry in the Dominican Republic), **Chris Feuillade** (education in Chile), **Rusty & Tammy Firestone** (church development in Bolivia), **Tom & Maryjane Furrer** (health 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 12-18: Associate Missionaries (USA-based, globally-focused volunteers):

Lift up to the Lord **Ian & Polly Montgomery** (diocesan ministry in Peru), **John & Susan Park** (leadership development in Latin America), **Ana Reid** (social ministries in Honduras), **Anne Schaffer** (language coach for missionaries), **Maunette Tait** (education in Honduras), **Hunter & Stephie Van Wagenen** (evangelism in Spain), and **Jared & Abbi Wensyel** (church planting in Germany).

February 19-28: 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 missionaries and the church here in the USA and globally.

Pray for **inquirers and applicants** discerning next steps in mission engagement. Give thanks for all **Senders** and their commitment to "make disciples of all nations."

Memorials and Honors

NEW CANDIDATES BEN AND CHERIE WEBER

Given by:

The Rev. & Mrs. Charles Bradshaw
Mr. Kim Gruetzmacher
The Rev. Dr. Henry Baldwin
Mrs. Nancy Gleason
Mr. Timothy J. McCleerey
Mr. Ronald Morsch
Mrs. Maria Poynter
Mrs. Audrey R. Cox
Mrs. Carla Castle
Hweyin Ruth Chou-Cheng
Ms. Sandra L. Derks
Mrs. Shirley Burk-DeWitt
Mr. Michael Gobin
Mr. Stewart & The Rev. Laura Wicker
Ms. Lu Ann Pengidore
Mrs. Audrey R. Cox
Mr. Stephen Hunt
Ms. Carolyn Jacobs
Mrs. Leslie James
Ms. Carol Keating
Mr. Thomas DuBois
Mr. James McNamara
Mr. Larry & Mrs. Mary Ellen Sprague
Mr. John Petroff
Ms. Carol Keating
The Rev. Jonathan and Mrs. Tess Hicks
Mr. Peter and Mrs. Anne Rascoe
UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy Foundation
Mr. Peter Witherell
Mrs. Dayna Gelinas
Ms. Lisa Langston
Mrs. Felice Hadden
Mrs. Mary Tribby
Ms. Carrie Mayo
Ms. Monnie Whitson Humphries
Mr. Richard O'Neal Jones

Given by:

Ms. Mary Chowenhill
Ms. Mary Chowenhill
Ms. Melissa Sheridan
Ms. Sheryl Lewis
Miss April Sylvester
Mr. Ryan Hughes
Mrs. Barbara Bailey
Miss Maidot Gizaw
Ms. Marilyn Rosenberg
Ms. Julia M. Pacheco
Ms. Diane Kimes
Dr. Meryl Lieberman
Ms. Katherine Menees
Mrs. MaryAnn Dunham
Mrs. Janelle Mariani
Mr. Karl and Mrs. Kathleen Weinrich
Mr. Robert Pickup
Mr. Walter Jones
Mr. Craig and Mrs. Kay Enoch
Whitten Tennis Industries
Mrs. Denise Alagna
Mr. Wallace Weeldreyer

IN MEMORY OF:

Mr. Malcolm Alexander
Mr. Mark Anderle
Mrs. Shirley Baldwin
Lt. Col. Stephen A. Bauman
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Ms. Dorothea A. Blakemore
The Rev. Donald E. Castle
Chao-Chun Chou
Mr. Raymond Derks
Mr. Ronald R DeWitt
Fr. John Donahue
Mr. Richard A. Englander
Mr. Jim Franzen
Mr. Robin Hardy
Mrs. June Hunt (Mother)
Mr. Jon R Jacobs
Mr. J.D. James (Our son – he loved learning)
Mr. Bill Keating
The Rev. Richard H. McGinnis
Mr. Edward P. McNamara
Mr. Frank McNeal
Mrs. Fran Petroff
Dylan and William Pickering
Fr. Patteson Saeni
Mr. Paul A. Stevenson
Mr. Paul A. Stevenson
Ms. Carol Stuart
Mrs. Carol Sylvester
Mrs. Carol Sylvester
Mr. Steven RK Sylvester
Mr. Patrick Mark Tribby
Ms. Elizabeth Weaver
Pat and Tony Whitson
Ms. Sophia Wojnowski

IN HONOR OF:

Mrs. Kathleen L. and Mr. J. Lyman Babcock
Ms. Ann Beattie
Dr. Anita Dohn (on her birthday)
The Gresser Family and their years of faithful service
Ms. Sylvia Grindlay
Ms. Jane Hughes
The ministry of J & K
Ms. Simone Louie
Mr. Patrick Lutato
Mr. Jose and Mrs. Rosalina Magaña
The Rev. Patsy McGregor
Mr. Jack M. Melvin
Mrs. Martha Menees
Ms. Lucille Plowden Renneker
Archdeacon Faye Somers
Archdeacon Faye Somers
Archdeacon Faye Somers
Archdeacon Faye Somers
Mrs. Dale Stasney
Miss April Sylvester
Mr. Wade Weeldreyer
Mr. Wade Weeldreyer



Ben and Cherie are being sent by their home church, Church of the Redeemer in Greensboro, NC, to strengthen the relationship between parishes in the USA and parishes in the Gahini Diocese of Rwanda, in order that the churches may come alongside each other to reach their communities with the Gospel.



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Sent to Uganda with Love from Hawaii

by Elizabeth Ealey



Missionary Janine LeGrand (on the left) and Sender Laura Fink (standing) meet with a group of Senders to share about Janine's health ministry with the Diocese of Masindi-Kitara. Laura made a carrot cake for Janine, honoring her nutrition ministry with a nod to her workshops using carrot cake — not surprisingly, increasing the consumption of carrots and other vegetables.

Every missionary needs a sending team providing support at home. Although that support often is financial, missionaries need other types of support as well. Laura Fink is one Sender whose ministry goes beyond the financial. Laura is a stateside ministry partner for Janine LeGrand, who serves in Uganda as a health education missionary.

Laura describes Janine as “dedicated and diligent.” Janine’s preparatory work helped plant the first medical clinic in the Diocese of Masindi-Kitara that later became an inpatient hospital, outpatient clinic, dental clinic, and pharmacy. Janine provides health education as part of the wholistic discipleship ministry of her diocese. She shows Ugandans how to incorporate vegetables into their diet, improving overall nutrition, especially for children.

Janine’s home parish in Hawaii sent Janine to Uganda in 2007 through partnership with SAMS and many Senders.



Janine with Laura and Bruce Fink after they picked her up from the airport on a visit back to Hawaii.

Laura and Janine connected at this church. Laura has been supporting Janine since 2007 through many of her own life changes, including retirement and a new church home. Although Laura's new church wasn't able to support Janine, God called Laura to continue to assist Janine individually, remaining a steadfast constant in Janine's ministry. Churches and individuals from Hawaii and the continental United States come alongside Laura as fellow Senders of Janine.

Laura supports Janine through faithful giving, but much of her essential work as a Sender involves the gift of her time. Laura does most of the stateside administrative work of keeping Janine's Senders up to date. Recently, her mailing list has grown by an additional 100 people! Laura helps Janine by lining up churches and other groups where Janine can go share about her mission and seek financial partners in ministry.

Laura also supports Janine spiritually and emotionally. She puts out reminders to Janine's Senders so that they can send cards and notes to Janine with the short-term mission teams that go to work with her in Uganda. Laura gets prayer requests from Janine on a quarterly basis and distributes them to her Senders. Janine and Laura exchange personal prayer requests and provide each other with frank emotional support. This relationship has been a lifeline from the Lord, especially over the past couple of years.

When most Westerners fled Uganda during the height of the pandemic, by God's grace, Janine persevered to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of her community and the diocese. God has used all of Janine's Senders, and especially Laura, to lift her up and help enable this ministry longevity for nearly fifteen years.



Laura shares, "Fr. Randolph Albano, (Filipino) priest of the bilingual St. Paul's Episcopal Church, told me he'd love to have a stole sewn from Ugandan fabric. So, Janine created a pattern for a stole, and I gave the pattern and a tablecloth she'd stashed with me years ago to my dressmaker. This photo op was at the conclusion of her presentation to the dedicated Senders in St. Paul's."

The difference between longevity and burnout in many missionaries is a strong sending community. God is inviting all of us to participate in His global mission. A sending partnership many times involves a financial commitment, but could also be a partnership of prayer, time, administrative support, or even an emotional check-in with a virtual hug. How is God calling you to be a Sender?



Janine leads a healthy cooking workshop in Uganda.

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