



Leocadie & Daniel Awolou

Daniel and Leocadie Awolou serve with Literacy & Evangelism International (LEI) in Benin, Africa, by sharing the message of Jesus Christ through the gift of reading. They develop Bible content materials to teach basic reading in local languages and conversational English. Encounter Church supports their outreach and evangelism among the Fulani people in northern Benin where there are no known followers of Jesus.

Prayer requests:

- 1). For safety and protection as they work in regions of Benin where there is an expansion of jihadism and rise of religious fundamentalism.
- 2) For the unreached people groups of Benin to understand and receive the message of God's love through the gift of literacy.
- 3) For workers to go to the Fulani people in Benin.

<https://www.literacyevangelism.org/give/literacy-evangelism-benin>



Carolyn & Dan Brannen

Since 1979, Dan and Carolyn Brannen have been devoted servants with International Students Inc., diligently working to “share Christ’s love with International Students”. Through God’s sovereign wisdom, missions have been served to us “on a silver platter”. Students from various nations are being brought to our doorstep. It presents a golden opportunity for the Christian community to love them to Jesus and send them home with the gospel.

Prayer Requests:

- 1) Access this school year to international students at Seattle University.
- 2) Creative ways for members of Encounter Church to become friends of international students.
- 3) Increased opportunities for Bible studies and direct gospel sharing the students whose trust we have earned.

Contact:

dancbrannen@gmail.com, clbrannen66@gmail.com  
206-325-7397



Margie & Keith Brown

Currently, Keith and Margie Brown work with One Collective in the community of Tulovo, located in central Bulgaria, focusing on holistic community transformation alongside the local people. Their ministry is primarily to youth and children, but they are expanding to families and the elderly as God opens more doors. They welcome short-term teams to serve in Tulovo and invite you to their monthly Zoom prayer meetings, typically on Saturday mornings (Pacific Time).

Prayer Requests:

- 1) Reconciliation between the Roma (gypsy) and ethnic Bulgarians, so that all in Tulovo can use their gifts together for the community to flourish.
- 2) Their teens and children, with the support of their families, to study diligently as the school year begins.
- 3) They are planning a Christmas Open House in The Gathering Place (their ministry building) and would appreciate prayers for creativity, good organization, a welcoming atmosphere and interesting ways to meet people and show them more about the work they do.

Contact info:

Margie brownm@onecollective.org, Keith khankrum13@gmail.com



**FREE  
WHEELCHAIR  
MISSION**




Free Wheelchair Mission (FWM) is a faith-based, humanitarian non-profit that designs and manufactures cost-efficient, durable wheelchairs for individuals living with disabilities in developing countries. Since 2001, Free Wheelchair Mission has distributed more than 1.4 million wheelchairs in 94 countries around the world since 2001, providing renewed dignity, independence, and hope through the gift of mobility, all at no cost to the recipient. There are still an estimated 80 million people worldwide who are waiting for a wheelchair but cannot get one on their own.

Prayer Requests:

- 1) For the distribution partners who are distributing in countries of conflict and crisis.
- 2) For the FWM team to persevere through the challenges of growth, shipping logistics, and for our partners who do the work of getting the wheelchairs to those who need them.
- 3) For FWM leadership as they make daily decisions that affect the staff, and for FWM's board members.
- 4) For the recipients and their families that they would feel the love of their Heavenly Father and grow closer to Him because of the gift of a wheelchair.

<https://www.freewheelchairmission.org/>





Andy and Cari Larsen

Rev. Dr. Andy Larsen and his wife, Cari, work to empower Christians and churches to lovingly engage their Muslim neighbors across the street and around the globe. They also lift the voices working for peace in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and educate the church and leaders on the conflict through teaching, preaching, educational multi-narrative tours and leading seminary students.

Prayer requests:

- 1) Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading on their ministry objectives with Muslim and Christian leaders as well as success with a Lily grant to empower the church in peacemaking capacity building.
- 2) Pray for success with their year-end fundraising efforts.
- 3) Pray for effective recruitment to participation at the important conference, Christ at the Checkpoint, in May of 2024 in Bethlehem.

You may contact Andy & Cari through the Global Justice team of Encounter Church or directly at any of the following:

[andrew.larsen@peacecatalyst.org](mailto:andrew.larsen@peacecatalyst.org)

[www.andrewlarsen.com](http://www.andrewlarsen.com)

<https://linktr.ee/andrew.larsen>



# NICOLÁS

FUND FOR *Education*

In the Ixil region of Guatemala, Nicolás Fund for Education (NFE) runs a Christian junior and senior high school, a tutoring program, a kindergarten, and carpentry program for children of the indigenous group of Maya. Many impoverished families in this region cannot afford to send their children to school after they complete the sixth grade. NFE is helping to break the generational cycle of poverty through Christian education.

#### Prayer Requests:

- 1) Pray for the students and teachers at Nicolás Christian School to come to know Jesus and grow their faith throughout their lives.
- 2) Pray for more students to be reached who live in poverty and hopelessness, and provide them with a brighter future through education.

#### Contacts:

Kathy Riper: [kathyriper@hotmail.com](mailto:kathyriper@hotmail.com)

Al Lopus: [alopus@nicolasfund.org](mailto:alopus@nicolasfund.org)

<https://www.nicolasfund.org/>



Mark & Michele Swensen

Mark and Michele are engaged in ministry that focuses on the indigenous people groups of rural Alaska. They partner with the Covenant churches sprinkled around the Alaskan bush, as well as others. The marginalized people of these villages, only accessible by airplane, are hungry for the truth of God's Word. Yet, very few evangelistic groups are willing to endure the harsh climate and expense to equip and enable the local church to take the Good News to them and disciple them in the faith. As Rural Ministry Coordinator for Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) of Alaska, Michele has the privilege of arranging and facilitating village trips as well as equipping and leading the teams in the ministry. Mark, as a Samaritan's Purse ministry pilot, provides support to many relief and evangelistic endeavors around the state, including CEF and the Evangelical Covenant Church of Alaska.

Prayer Request:

Please pray with them that the Lord provides the workers needed to reach every rural community in Alaska with consistent teaching of His Word (Matthew 9:37-38).

Contact:

48236 Igloo Ave. Soldotna, AK 99669

907-252-1852 and 907-398-2598

mmswensen@gmail.com, ruralministry@cefalaska.com



Susan & John Wilner

John and Susan Wilner are serving Bible translation teams from several different agencies in South Asia, both remotely and sometimes face to face when John can travel to the region. John serves as a Bible translation consultant mentoring translators and consultants in training, and Susan supervises five couples and a single woman who are serving remotely because they no longer are able to live in South Asia.

Prayer requests:

- 1) Pray that they will have wisdom and compassion as they serve their colleagues, and that they can help strengthen and encourage them as they serve in their roles.
- 2) Pray for the translation teams working in South Asia as they often face persecution and at times communal violence.
- 3) Pray for the Lord's protection for his church in South Asia, and that they will be strong and courageous in the face of persecution.

Contact:

[john\\_wilner@sil.org](mailto:john_wilner@sil.org)





M&M

The missionaries' names, location, and organization are hidden for security purposes. They will be referred to as M&M.

M&M work among Buddhist unreached people groups in Asia. They are part of a team that designs, creates and publishes Scripture engagement materials in multiple languages, mainly for people who have never heard of Christ.

Prayer requests:

- 1) Pray for those in their region who are hearing about Jesus Christ for the first time.
- 2) Pray for God's work to be done in the hearts of those who are using the materials they publish.
- 3) Pray for the growth and encouragement of the isolated believers in their area.

You may contact M&M through the Global Justice team of Encounter Church.



T&F

The missionaries' names, location, and organization are hidden for security purposes. They will be referred to as T&F.

T&F work to share the gospel with the youth in Asia. They provide youth camps and play a crucial role in training and equipping local youth workers. They write curriculum and teach essential skills and knowledge to effectively minister to young people in their communities. Through building relationships and offering safe spaces for discussion and exploration, they guide youth towards understanding the love of God.

Prayer requests:

- 1) For a smooth transition and quick adaptation as they move their base of operation to a new city.
- 2) For wisdom and insight as they identify and connect with potential local youth workers who have a heart for ministry and can carry on the work in the future.
- 3) For their physical, emotional, and spiritual safety.
- 4) For their children to adjust well to the new city, school, and social environment.

You may contact T&F through the Global Justice team of Encounter Church.



Lorna & Larry Frickel

Larry is the North American/Caribbean Regional Data Manager for Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) Inc. Twenty-four countries report their financial balance sheet to him, and he analyzes and combines their reports and sends his own report to the International Ministry of CEF. Lorna and Larry also train CEF leaders in foreign countries.

Prayer Requests:

- 1) On September 11, 2023 Lorna had an operation on her back. Pray for a quick recovery.
- 2) They are planning a three-week training course in the British Virgin Islands and in Belize next year.

Contact:

[www.frickelfamily.com](http://www.frickelfamily.com)