





Benin, Africa

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.

www.literacyevangelism.org/give/literacy-evangelism-benin



Seattle, USA

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 with the students whose trust we have earned.

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Bulgaria

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) Pray for greater understanding of Bulgaria, the culture and people, and how God is working.
- 3) Pray that God would help us consider any next steps we might take after our time in Bulgaria, both personally and for our church, as a result of our time in Bulgaria

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Middle East

Andy & 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) Planning of our third documentary film. The theme will be letters to the global church from Palestine.
- 2) Justice group our Quest Church formed last year to educate and facilitate constructive activism for peace, focused on Israel/Palestine.

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Alaska

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 Requests:

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) .

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South Asia

Susan & John Wilner

John & 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. Their colleagues in South Asia are spread out widely. To help keep them connected, each week Susan gathers news updates and prayer requests and sends them to the whole group. She also touches base with and prays specifically for the wives and mothers in the group who have asked that she pray for them and their families.

Prayer Requests:

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

Contact:



Asia

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.
- 4) Pray for the translation of their ministry course.

Contact:

You may contact M&M through the Global Justice Ministry at globaljustice@encountereastside.org



Asia

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 wisdom and insight connecting and working with local youth workers who have a heart for ministry and can carry on the work in the future.
- 2) For physical, emotional, and spiritual safety for the family.

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Asia

A&B

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

A & B will be working alongside other Encounter Church missionaries to share the gospel with the youth in Asia. In an area with over 100 million youth there are only a handful of missionaries who are dedicated to youth ministry. They will come alongside current workers and support them by helping them minister to youth in the community, building relationships and creating spaces for exploration and discussion. They will be coaching sports teams, tutoring and assisting in whatever other ways are needed.

Prayer Requests:

- 1) For getting settled in a new place, culture and language.
- 2) For God to open doors to meaningful relationships.
- 3) For wisdom and insight as they identify and connect with local youth.
- 4) For their physical, emotional, and spiritual safety.

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Virgin Islands

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. Lorna is pursuing her master's degree in Christian Biblical Counseling.

Prayer Requests:

- 1) Pray for the children.
- 2) Pray for helpers and teachers to teach them about the Love of God.
- 3) Pray for safety in travel, good health, and enough finances for ministry and travel expenses.

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**FREE
WHEELCHAIR
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Worldwide 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 176 wheelchairs per day, and 1.5 million wheelchairs in 95 countries around the world, 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.

freewheelchairmission.org



The Evangelical Covenant Church



Worldwide

ECC Serve Globally

Our mission is to invite more people into a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ—across more communities, cultures, and generations—so that together we can follow Him and make more disciples. We pursue this mission through a growing, multiethnic, intergenerational mosaic of churches and ministry partnerships in more than 60 countries, working toward a more caring and just world.

covchurch.org



India

Southern Stairs

India is home to the largest number of unreached people groups in the world, with over 500 million people who have never heard the name of Jesus. While Christianity makes up only 2% of the population, the majority of believers reside in South India, leaving Northern India spiritually unreached and often hostile to the gospel.

We are partnering with Southern Stairs, an organization committed to equipping pastors serving in Northern India where there is intense opposition to Christianity. We will have the opportunity to encourage, equip, and stand alongside these pastors who are advancing the gospel in some of the most spiritually and socially challenging environments.

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India

Hindustani Covenant Church

India is home to some of the world's most vulnerable communities, where poverty, social injustice, and spiritual need intersect. This trip offers an opportunity to serve alongside Hindustani Covenant Church (HCC) in Pune, a ministry dedicated to holistic transformation through gospel-centered justice and compassion. Our time in India will focus on engaging with marginalized communities and supporting the ongoing ministry of HCC. Depending on the needs at the time, we may come alongside efforts to help women who have been rescued from sex trafficking as they rebuild their lives, assist in outreach to families living in extreme poverty near the Mumbai Landfill, or support education and healthcare initiatives among the Dalit population in Solapur.

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Indonesia

PARI

Encounter Church is partnered with Parahyangan Indah (PARI) , also known as Sundanese Christian Fellowship, based in Bogor, Indonesia, to minister among the Sundanese people—one of the largest Muslim Unreached People Groups (UPG) in the world. Out of 39 million Sundanese, only 0.06% are evangelical Christians, and they have very little exposure to the gospel. The purpose of our trip is to support and encourage local workers, help them build relationships, and engage in cultural exchange that fosters deeper connections and opens doors for gospel conversations. Our ministry efforts will take place in Garut and Ciamis, where our local partners Pak Agus, Pak Eko and their teams are actively serving. By coming alongside them, we aim to raise their platform, strengthen their impact, and uplift their work in the villages.

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Guatemala

Nicolás Fund for Education

Nicolás Fund for Education (NFE) helps students in the remote Ixil ("ee-sheel") region reach their God-given potential and break the cycle of poverty through excellent Christ-centered education at Nicolás Christian School (NCS). Our scholarship program helps communities in the Guatemalan Highlands lift vulnerable children – and their communities – out of poverty. By providing marginalized children in these villages with educational opportunities, we help them achieve their God-given abilities. According to USAID, average schooling in Guatemala is a short four years and only three in ten children graduate from sixth grade.

Prayer Requests:

- 1) Increase the graduation rate from the 9th grade level of all village children to at least 80% of those who start 7th grade in our Christian-based academic program.
- 2) Increase the percentage of children that graduate from High School (or equivalent) to 80% that start 7th grade in our program.
- 3) Create a sustainable education initiative involving the village education committees, village families, primary school teachers, and community leaders.

www.nicolasfund.org