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Multiplication

Ryan Marr
Lead Pastor

As a church we are committed to being a movement of the gospel of Jesus for all people. The gospel reveals that we are more wicked than we know but more loved than we could ever imagine. The gospel shows us that it's not our attributes that make us accepted, but it is what Jesus has done that impacts every aspect of our lives. The power of this gospel brings transformation to our lives and to the lives of others.

One way in which we become a movement of the gospel is through our calling as the royal priesthood. Being a priest is representing the gospel to others in every aspect of our lives. The gospel not only transforms us but simultaneously manifests its power in our relationships, neighborhoods, jobs and world. In 1 Peter we learn about this responsibility of being priests:

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light."

1 Peter 2:9

Multiplication is the working out of the gospel in our world. Multiplication is taking the gospel and moving it forward as priests. So, whether we work locally or globally, we seek to do good to all people.

Over the years, men and women of Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg have had the privilege of living in different contexts around the world and serving as priests to others. As missionaries they are a part of Bible translation teams, planting churches, serving in orphanages, teaching and doing many other works. All of these examples are characterized as newly created humans living and being the royal priesthood. Our heart is that through this mission Jesus would be made known and His gospel would go forth. (Revelation 5:9-10)

As a church we want to let you know about the people that we have committed to financially supporting in 2019. Please feel free to email these missionaries and let them know that you are praying for them. We want to be a church that seeks to do good to all people by sharing the gospel of the kingdom and fulfilling our vocation as the royal priesthood.

■ **Ryan**



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What is Missions?

Did you ever have one of those moments when you just knew God was going to do something in your life that you didn't expect? Even 14 years later, I can still remember having the thought "Wow, God is doing something here!"

My first time doing anything with Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg (CCSP) was Easter Sunrise Service in 2004. I'd just moved to Tampa from Chicago and a lady in my new office said, "You're new here. Do you have a church? Come with me this weekend for our special Easter services. Meet at my house at 6am and I'll introduce you to some people!" I loved how bold and inviting she was and didn't feel I could say no.

That day literally changed my life! Even though I'd been a Christian since I was a child and attended a Christian college, I'd never seen anyone baptized in the actual water and I'd never met an actual missionary. After the outside sunrise service, I had breakfast with the Missions Pastor and eight other people that were either serving in full-time Missions or had been all over the world on short-term Mission trips.

I started becoming involved with our CCSP Missions conferences, spent more time with those that were bringing the love of Christ to many around the world, and started feeling a need to do what I could here. God wasn't telling me to go on the Missions field but He told me to do something!

I joined a group that prayed for our missionaries (Mission Minded); I went to the Meet & Greet to hear about their ministry and started becoming friends with people living in Africa, South America and places I'd never even heard of before. God put it on my heart to pray more diligently and send financial support to those I'd grown close to so they could do the work that God had called them to do.

That as a bottom line is what Missions is. God has called His people to share the gospel! We can start locally with our co-workers, friends & family by inviting them to church and sharing Jesus and what He has done in our lives. We can be called to go to the people group God puts on our heart and serve them well, bringing them out of the darkness and into the light. Or, we can be the support system of those that take that big step of heeding God's call to go tell others. We can pray, be encouraging, provide financial support, and above all listen and marvel at all that God is doing to bring His people to Himself.

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." - Revelation 7:9-10

As you read through this magazine, pray and ask God how He would have you participate in His plan to reach every nation. On page 18 you'll find ideas of how you can participate both globally and locally. This church has a big heart for Missions and we are grateful God continues to provide opportunities for us to multiply and proclaim His gospel. If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask!

■ **Julie Murphy**
Missions Coordinator



Serving As Senders

My wife Lisa and I have had the privilege of leading our SENDERS! Missionary Support Group at Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg (CCSP) for over 2 years now. You could probably describe us both as "missionary groupies" in that, for as long as we can remember, we have been drawn to the people that God has called to minister cross-culturally for His Kingdom. Part of that interest stems from my (John's) background as having grown up as a TCK or "third culture kid". I lived 13 of my first 16 years overseas in South America and then Europe. I am familiar with the expatriate lifestyle and all the challenges it presents to families attempting to live and thrive while bridging across continents and cultures, and at the same time attempting to live out your faith in Christ and be a light for the Gospel.

From Missions conferences we attended early on in our marriage, and from fellowshiping with visiting missionaries and their families over the years, we were always so impressed with the kind of faith it required to just "go"! To just become consumed by the overwhelming desire to take Jesus and the Bible to people that have not yet heard of Him made these missionary folks worthy of our prayers and support.

CCSP has taken the responsibility for supporting our missionaries to a level that serves as a model for other churches. The SENDERS! (S!) group was specifically created over 9 years ago here at CCSP to put "hearts, hands and feet" to the task of caring for our missionaries.

S! provides assistance to our missionaries while they are preparing to go, while they are on the mission field, and when they return home. Missionaries need care in six different areas: Moral support, Logistical support, Financial support, Prayer support, Communication support and Re-entry support. Each missionary is different and the level and configuration of care in these six areas needs to be tailored to each missionary individually. Our task at S! is always to attempt to send the best equipped people into the field with the best possible likelihood of success; to meet their needs from afar as best we can and in a timely manner; and then to come alongside them upon their return and help them to assimilate back into church and life at home. It may just be the simple things: a well-timed card, email or phone call; lifting them up in focused prayer during our bi-monthly meetings; financial assistance with an emergency expense; personal crisis intervention; taking care of an unplanned development for them back here at home; or any other need that may arise while they are focused on expanding the Kingdom of God thousands of miles away from home.

Serving as SENDERS! can be exciting, rewarding, fulfilling, challenging and sometimes heart-wrenching. Lisa and I are extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity here at CCSP. "Till all have heard!"

■ **John de Vries**

SENDERS! meets at CCSP on the second & fourth Thursdays of each month. If you'd like to participate, please email Missions@calvarystp.org for details.





CALVARY CHAPEL ST. PETERSBURG (CCSP)

SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES

We have been blessed for many years to participate with individuals and families around the world as they serve to multiply God's Kingdom. We have asked the missionaries to whom our church provides some level of financial support to give you a brief glimpse into their lives and how they are connected to our church. We have also provided contact and financial support information if God leads you to partner with someone whose story touches your heart.

We also encourage Life Groups and other groups to adopt a missionary to pray for and perhaps support financially. This connects them to our church body on a more intimate level, making them part of our community.

If you have questions or would like to know more about anyone, please contact Julie at Missions@calvarystp.org.

Note: Several of our missionaries work in "Restricted" countries where sharing the Gospel openly is not an option. For their safety and protection, some details are not included such as last names and specific locations.

All of our missionaries appreciate hearing from those that are praying for them and if you would like to communicate with anyone in **Restricted*** status, please contact the Missions department at CCSP for guidelines that will prevent compromising their situation. Thank you!

MISSIONARIES BY REGION



CHRIS AND TRÉ KITSON

ASEA - CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

I (Chris) am a St. Pete native whose first service attended at CCSP was in the warehouse with my mom, Laura. After I was born-again, I moved to Bradenton and met my soon-to-be wife. I lived there until Tré and I married and we returned to St. Petersburg and CCSP in 2007. Our daughter, Lydia was born in 2009 prior to our departure, while Job and Timothy were born in 2010 and 2011 in South Africa. CCSP sent us out in 2010 to come alongside Arise & Shine Evangelistic Association's work in Cape Town, South Africa. Our work is to:

- 1) Evangelize the lost in the public places and poverty-stricken townships;
- 2) Equip the Saints with the Word of God;
- 3) Spread the Gospel of the Kingdom with local church plants;



- 4) Educate pastors and train them for ministry through an ASEA Bible College.

It is our aim and hope to see every individual Christian grow into loving Jesus, loving His Word, and being a witness of the Gospel everywhere they may go. We are honored to see and be a part of the work of JESUS to unite such a broken and fragmented country.

For newsletter signup, financial support & contact info – visit ChrisandTre.com

JIM AND JANICE LARSON

INTENSIVE CARE MINISTRIES - MOSHI, TANZANIA

We are full-time missionaries serving with Intensive Care Ministries (ICM) which is headquartered in California. We are responsible for developing and overseeing work for ICM throughout all of Africa, but Tanzania is where we live and work. The goal is to strengthen and equip the existing local church by providing a free Bible college seminary education to African pastors and teaching them how to preach expositionally. Most of the pastors do not have more than an 8th grade education, but they are thriving in the Bible college program. Their churches are growing exponentially once the Word became the main focus of Sunday services, and other pastors are clamoring for the same opportunity to learn. There is a staff of 10 African pastors who are instructors at the 4 college campuses, and another 20 national pastors who travel around the country teaching basic Inductive Bible Study techniques to church leaders. These national staff are also crossing borders as missionaries into neighboring countries.



We were active members at CCSP from 2006-2011. We served as prayer counselors and leaders in the high school youth program during that period. We also went through 2 years of missions training at CCSP and then taught the missions courses for another 2 years, as well as leading Mission Minded for a year. We also helped CCSP host a large marriage conference on two different occasions. Jim was a Bible teacher in the prison ministry and active in the Men's Breakfast Bible study. Janice served as a Salt & Light leader.

jimandjanicelarson.com

RANDY AND KARI SAUL

ABIDE IN TRUTH - KISII, KENYA

We attended CCSP in 1999 and were part of the church plant in North Pinellas (CCPH). We've had many opportunities to fellowship, worship and minister alongside CCSP. When the Lord called us into missions, CCSP's Missions 101 class was the first place we turned. The Lord used the mission minded people of CCSP to encourage and spur us on many times in these 7 years of Kenyan Missions.

Our daughter, Kasi, moved over in 2018 and married our village church's pastor and our ministry partner, Denis. Our son, Cory and his new wife, Vanessa, are joining the ministry in June of 2019.

We have watched God lead in many crazy amazing ways and we are diligent to move with His leading. He has established discipleship classes that are moving into a more intense school of ministry and focus on equipping others. There is a UTurn for Christ restoration program being used to set both men and women free from the chains of addiction. We have a hen farm with 3500 hens that is used to support village families, feed the UTurn Ranches and is run by our leaders who were former drug



and alcohol addicts and pushers. There is a coffee project that will begin harvesting this year. Our little church, CC Kebabe, has grown over the last 4 years and we have outgrown our little pole barn. We are now praying to build a worship center and an education building that will serve many needs. One need will be the area of education that God is now leading as Vanessa comes with a heart to use this area to share Jesus and disciple the youth in their walk with Christ. We are seeing, yet expecting so much more as God grows us in His grace and the knowledge of Jesus.

abideintruth.org



THE HOSTETLER FAMILY

CALVARY CHAPEL - WIESBADEN, GERMANY

Along with our children Anja (17) and Alex (14), we were sent out by Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg (CCSP) in May of 2006 to start a church plant in Wiesbaden, Germany. Prior to that, we had been actively involved at CCSP for many years with Ron serving as an elder and Life Group Leader.

After beginning with a Bible study in our home in Wiesbaden, we transitioned into a rented facility right in the heart of downtown. We have seen the church grow from just a few families to over 150 people attending Sunday services. Ron serves as the Lead Pastor, focusing on teaching and helping several young men to grow into elders and leaders. Uli is serving in the areas of administration and children's ministry, where Anja and Alex are helping as well. People who come to CC Wiesbaden like



that the Bible is taught verse by verse and that there is a big focus on small groups. Especially during the last couple of years, many people with an immigration background have found a spiritual home at CC Wiesbaden.

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THE PAVEL FAMILY

ORADEA, ROMANIA

Greetings, I am Doru Pavel. Together with my wife Tasha and our 5 children (Jeremyah, Emerald, Adriana, Ilinca, and Tzuriel), we serve Jesus in Oradea, Romania. I am originally from the Chicagoland area and Tasha is originally from Denver. Prior to our calling to Missions, our family served CCSP for two years in middle school youth ministry, usher ministry, volunteered to serve at various conferences, cleaning crew, and participated in the SENDERS! group.

As missionaries in Oradea, Romania our ministry is committed to engaging, mentoring and instructing Romanian/Gypsy orphan, village, and church youth through the Holy Spirit's ministry of leadership. We lead a morning devotion time with the children at an orphanage, provide weekly Bible study and other lessons in the surrounding villages, and are working with the local church to establish



a God-centered community that the orphans have never experienced.

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Click the "Become a Financial Partner" button and ensure it shows "Pavel, Doru and Natasha".
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Please mark all checks sent with "Doru Pavel".

HATCH & STELLA HOLMES

WORLD OUTREACH - LIMA, PERU

I've been a domestic missionary to the elderly for over eight years, sent out by Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg. After taking classes and being on short-term missions trips, I developed a heart for the lost and this was a way God used me. My purpose was to bring the Lord to the lost and dying in nursing homes in many areas of Florida, while creating teams that would maintain the Bible studies in each location. Now the Lord is changing my direction in ministry.

God has opened many doors for me to see, firsthand, many problems facing communities in rural areas of Peru. My new bride Stella is from Peru, and has a deep love for our Lord and a heart to serve alongside me. We were married in November 2018, and in early February we will be moving to Peru for a year of language & cultural study before moving to our next location near the Amazon River.

Stella and I will be working with pastors to help them develop a better understanding of the Word through Inductive Bible studies, and to



help the church body with deeper discipleship. Our primary ministry will be reaching children caught up in sexual abuse through incest, helping them understand that our Heavenly Father is not like their earthly father. We believe that we can restore these children through Christ and His amazing grace.

Our funding comes from partners that support our vision and want to work with us to see these children saved and churches built upon God's Word to provide direction and repentance for the families. If you're interested in knowing more, email: **Peruvianfootsteps@gmail.com**, or you may provide financial assistance at: **www.worldoutreach.org/669**

PAUL AND DORI PITTMAN

UNITED WORLD MISSION - CUBA

We hold the distinction of being the first career missionaries called from the fellowship of Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg to foreign missions. We served in our first assignment among the Quechua people of Bolivia.

We ministered for 9 years in Bolivia and were blessed to help facilitate several churches planted through the efforts of our national partner, Nueva Vida Church in Sucre. The Nueva Vida Church is currently supporting Bolivian missionaries serving cross-culturally in Nepal. During this time, we were also blessed with the addition of our two children, Sam & Sarah.

In May 2007, the family relocated to San Jose, Costa Rica, where we served in our roles as Coordinators for UWM's Cuba Partnership Project and Regional Leaders for UWM's Central America and Caribbean region for 11 years.

We are excited to use our unique skills as second



career missionaries and experiences ministering in Latin America to facilitate the UWM partnerships in Cuba and to serve as cluster leaders for UWM missionaries serving the Caribbean region. We are currently in discussions with UWM to deepen our involvement in the mission's Member Care department, ministering in a mentoring, coaching, and pastoral effort to UWM missionaries serving throughout Latin America.

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LUIS & KAROL SANCHEZ

CALVARY CHAPEL, BIBLE INSTITUTE - ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA

Our family, my wife Karol and our sons Martín (11) and Matías (9), moved from Colombia to Guatemala five years ago after pastoring Calvary Chapel in Cali, Colombia for eight years. The Lord had placed in our hearts to go back to Guatemala and start a Bible College when we met Pastor Art Dykstra, who was the Missions Pastor at CCSP at that time. Together we started praying about the possibility. Our God opened the door so we could move and start the ministry with CCSP support in March 2013, and we have been doing the work for these last five years, seeing God's grace and blessing upon the Bible Institute, as well as a church plant that later the Lord planted thru the work of the Institute. Right now we have 11 students from different countries in Latin America getting ready to close our fall semester, with six of them graduating to go back to their churches.

One of our graduates last year went back to his city in Guatemala, Coban, and planted a church, so we are grateful to see the fruit of the Spirit of God thru His Word in the life of our graduates. Most



of them are active in their churches. We expect to see more of that fruit in the future. Our church in Antigua, Guatemala has been growing in numbers and maturity the last year, and we are excited to see what the Lord has in store for us. We started a school of ministry for our church members, with 15 of them graduating this next December. That is leading us to start a small home groups ministry and we are very excited about that.

CCSP has been instrumental in the work here, sending teams to work with us and through your financial support also. Thank you for your love and faithfulness through the years.

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Memo: Sanchez, Guatemala

DEBBIE FRILEY

THE NAVIGATORS - ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

I am a staff missionary with The Navigators and have been for the past 35 years, dedicated to evangelism and discipleship locally, nationally, and internationally. My family includes my niece, my nephew, my brother, and the body of Christ. My hobbies include cycling, photography, and art. CCSP has been my church home for 30 years. I'm greatly blessed to be one of its supported missionaries and part of the Women's Discipleship Ministry.

God has done His work through me as I live and teach locally in the Tampa Bay Area, but also as I teach and travel nationally & internationally. By the grace of God, I'm a disciple-maker, committed to God's Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and a fisher of men (Matthew 4:19). Using the Bible, I equip people to be self-feeding Christians, teaching them how to have a personal relationship with God, how to walk in the freedom of the Gospel,



and how to "Take these things you have learned and teach them to faithful men who will teach others also." (2 Timothy 2:2). Testimonial fruit of this ministry is richly expressed at:

www.saltandlightgroup.com

As a donor-supported missionary, a current need is to raise \$900 more a month to meet my Navigator budget. I am forever grateful for the faithful monthly support.

The Navigators

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TOM & LOIS WILSON

MISSIONARY MINISTRIES - ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

We are Tom and Lois Wilson, originally from Ontario, Canada, and have been married 43 years! In 1997, God called us to serve as "missionaries to the missionaries" at D&D Missionary Homes here in St. Petersburg. Tom quickly saw the missionaries' need of transportation and when, in 2002, a car was donated to us, the journey of a unique ministry supplying vehicles to missionaries began.

By 2004, Missionary Ministries, Incorporated was born—our calling, Galatians 6:10. God directed that all vehicles be owned, maintained, and insured by MMI. For monetary needs, we were to trust Him! Highlights from a testimony by Jack and Ann, missionaries to Spain: "Since its inception, Missionary Ministries has been a Godsend to us missionaries. Housing is important, but we are convinced that having a vehicle might be more important. The services that come with a Missionary Ministries vehicle (airport pickup and delivery, roadside service, and great flexibility) greatly surpass a car rental agency's service. What a blessing!"



The financial support of both individuals and recently, our church, Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg, is valued by MMI. Right now, this is one of our greatest needs as well as direction and wisdom for the future of this ministry. All donations are made payable by check to "Missionary Ministries" and mailed to 4061 58th Ave. N., Lot 309, St. Petersburg, FL 33714.

For full ministry info, go to our website at www.missionaryministries.org. To contact us, phone Tom: 727-642-4832, Lois: 727-642-4357, or email: missionaryministries@juno.com.

BRIAN SMITH

HARVEST AVIATION - WAUCHULA, FL

My family and I started going to Calvary Chapel in 1996. My first mission trip to Japan is where God called me into Missions. During a Missions 101 class, the Lord called me to be a missionary pilot—a lifelong dream realized.

While in pilot training, I went on disaster relief trips both domestic and internationally. In 2007, I joined the Disaster International Relief Team (DIRT). In 2008, I became the leader of DIRT and led the team to over 10 different counties, providing both practical and spiritual support after disasters.

Currently, I am senior pilot with Harvest Aviation, flying monthly support flights to churches and missionaries in Belize and Central America. I frequently do flight instruction at the College of Missionary Aviation (CMA) in northern Florida. I left my job in June 2017 to go into Missions full-time, dividing my time between Harvest and CMA. Both of these ministries require a tremendous amount of traveling.



I have been married since 1980 to my beautiful wife Robbin. We have two children, both of whom are married, and five grandchildren. My wife is currently unable to work due to injuries and receives a small disability payment.

PS: I would love for you to partner with me.

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CASSIE

LOCATION RESTRICTED

Hello, my name is Cassie and I have been a part of CCSP for about 15 years. Growing up, the Lord used CCSP to impact my life in many big ways, especially during my teenage years through mission trips, Calvary Sports, and the Downtown Outreach Center (DOC).

My first mission trip with CCSP was to Cuba in 2008. It not only deepened my walk with the Lord, but also unveiled the calling God had upon my life – to serve overseas full-time. After that first trip, I continued to go on the Calvary Cuba Missions once, if not twice, a year between semesters throughout high school and university.

Other ways the Lord used CCSP as my training ground for overseas ministry was through Calvary Sports and the Downtown Outreach Center (DOC). Some of you may know me from the five years I worked as Assistant Director at Calvary Sports and volunteered as a worship leader at the DOC. The leadership in both ministries mentored me in practical, purposeful outreach, and living life vertically for the Lord. My time with them was a boot camp for what the Lord would soon launch me into...



After graduating university, I moved to the Middle East. Although it was not easy, there is no doubt that it was what the Lord had for my life. The last four years, I have been mentoring Middle Eastern youth through computer science, soccer, and music. It is exciting to see what the Lord has and continues to illuminate in the path before me both stateside and abroad. Thank YOU for your prayers and support throughout this adventure!

<https://succathallel.com/donate>; Designate Cassie A Please Make Checks out to: "LTTN" and mark "Succat Hallel-Cassie" in the memo: Light to the Nations, Box 406, New Cumberland, PA 17070

STEVE & LISA

LOCATION RESTRICTED

CCSP is our home church since 2006. We participated in classes and job-specific training, as well as the SENDERS! group, prior to our departure. Our dear friends in the Adult Study have loved and supported us well for many years.

We are planting and watering in a dry land. My wife and I are co-laboring with another family from CCSP. A new place of fellowship has been established here, with the blessing of prayer, special giving and men coming to help with the building process. Folks are extremely cautious to make a bold profession of belief here. It's costly. There are those that are eating from the Bread of Life. There are some that have had their hearts transformed by The Master, growing in faith, and many others that are eager to hear about The Way, The Truth and The Life.

The outreach with the community is quite diverse. Young people are coming to read and talk



about The Truth, along with fun activities that are gender specific. Guys are playing foosball and table tennis, and the gals are having fun also. We have been doing English teaching, open house meals for the community to come together with our group, in home and visitation to families for relational and discussion purposes. Our group has started an additional night encouraging even non-believing folks to come for prayer and worship.

Financial support can be given through SEED Ministries, P.O. Box 3327, Riceville, TN 37370-3327; Memo line: Steve & Lisa

BRI & RACHEL

LOCATION RESTRICTED

I grew up in CCSP and worked on staff before being called to serve in Missions. Rachel is from Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa and we met while I was training for the field in New Zealand in a plan only God could arrange. We have two beautiful daughters, Kinsey and Iyla. Our family has been ministering in the Middle East among Muslims since 2012.

We work among the unreached Muslims of the Middle East. Most people we meet and visit have never seen a Bible and have never had anyone share the Gospel with them. The country in which we serve is full of refugees who have fled the wars in Iraq, Kurdistan, Syria and other war-torn countries. While we are involved to some extent in humanitarian aid, we focus most of our efforts on sharing the Gospel and bringing the hope of salvation to the unreached people of the Middle East. We are part of a church planting team that has established a church in an area where there are no churches. We have multiple Bible studies every

week, hold medical clinics for the community, and do many other types of outreach to bless the community with the love and knowledge of God. The work is very hard and persecution and obstacles are abundant, but we are seeing the Lord save souls and make disciples, and we praise Him for the work He is doing.

Currently our funding is at about half of what is needed, but I have a new understanding of Philippians 4:13 and understand as we go through trials, that is when we count on Christ's strength. Thank you for all that you do to bless us.

Financial Support:

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DR. CAMILLE HIPPOLYTE

WYCLIFFE - UKARUMPA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

CCSP is the first church I walked into after I became a born-again believer in 2015. In 2016 I was baptized during our "Sonrise" service. Calvary Chapel is where I was discipled and grew spiritually. It was through missions courses at Calvary that I learned about people unreached by the gospel.

I was already on fire to get the gospel known to many because I came to Christ by listening and reading the Bible. As a doctor with a passion for the Word of God, an amazing door of ministry opened where I could use my medical skills to help in the work of Bible translation with Wycliffe Bible Translators. I serve as a doctor in Papua New Guinea (PNG) where many translators work in remote areas translating the Bible into local languages. My ministry involves meeting the health needs of Bible translators, other support workers, and their children, thereby allowing them to remain in this country contributing to the work of translation.

My budget assigned by Wycliffe is about \$3,000 per month. This includes funds for ministry, Wycliffe's



administrative costs, health insurance, taxes, social security, and living expenses. I'm grateful for CCSP's investment of finances and prayers in my Wycliffe ministry. Together, we are making a difference for the kingdom in PNG!

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KEN & SHEILA NELSON

WYCLIFFE - UKARUMPA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

We are members of Wycliffe Bible Translators and serve as support staff for Bible translation in Papua New Guinea. There are still approximately 300 language groups in this country that do not have a single word of Scripture in their own heart language. God has called us here to serve alongside Bible translators in completing the task of spreading the gospel to those who do not know Jesus in the villages and tribes of Papua New Guinea. Ken oversees Community Development and Sheila teaches high school math and science at the International School. We also serve as the Bible Translation Support Team for the Meramera language, in which we currently have about 60% of the New Testament translated for this people group.

We are committed members of CCSP and are grateful for the missions training and support that we have received through the missions classes and the "SENDERS!" and "Waiters" groups. God used a Perspectives class hosted by CCSP that we attended in Spring 2016 to call us into the mission field; then we coordinated a Perspectives class at CCSP in Fall 2017 just before leaving for the field in February 2018. We

SEAN & REBEKAH

LOCATION RESTRICTED

We are Sean, Rebekah, Joshua (born in 2006), and Joel (born in 2009). I (Sean) first came to the CCSP "warehouse" back in 1991, thanks to Andy and Suzanne Farina's work on the Eckerd College campus with the Navigators. I then went to Papua New Guinea in 1999 with Wycliffe and have been supported by the CCSP missions department since then. Rebekah and I met while on the field and we were married in 2001.

In 2004, we left for Asia and served there until mid 2017. Some of the many things we were involved with include: relational evangelism, language development, and education with many minority groups. We spent time living with and serving non-Christians, discipleship and equipping in a local church, and assisting the indigenous church in training teachers to plant nearly 100 Christian kindergartens, incorporating mother tongue scriptures where available.

We are in transition and have been moved out of that role by God's clear direction. We will now be serving the wider community of workers in Southeast Asia



believe that the "sending capacity" of a church, not the "seating capacity", is what God values. We are so thankful for our church family!

Wycliffe has set our first-year budget at \$4,808 per month. This covers administrative costs, taxes, health and medical evacuation insurance, security services, rent, and food. Our donations come almost exclusively from the Tampa Bay area, and include individuals and several churches.

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in supporting family care and children's education, specifically in consulting with teams

and families who need guidance in how to approach education and homeschooling on the field. We will also be involved in helping train the next generation of translators and workers on the field using distance learning applications. While living in a new part of Asia, we will continue to be involved in discipleship and relational evangelism in the context where we are planted as well.

Our greatest financial need right now is for regular monthly or quarterly support to enable us to return to the field next summer. If you are interested in supporting us financially, please contact us at sean_conklin@sil.org OR access our personal Wycliffe online giving portal at:

www.wycliffe.org/partner/seanrebekah

JULIE

LOCATION RESTRICTED

My name is Julie, and before moving to Southeast Asia in 2012, I was a member of CCSP for about ten years. It was at CCSP that the Father prepared me for the work I am now doing. He did so in a variety of ways, including allowing me to attend classes, go on short term trips, and develop a greater understanding of His heart for the nations.

My sending organization has sent teachers to the government-run universities in this country for over 20 years. This creative access into this closed country has positioned myself and the other teachers here to be involved with the future generation of this country in a very unique way. Our work here takes many forms, but among the most exciting have been our ability to connect like-minded nationals to those looking for truth and to live in community in a way that reflects the Father's glory.

ESTHER

LOCATION RESTRICTED

My name is Esther and I am currently in Southeast Asia working with children. The Father has given me a heart for children and has prepared me for M (Missions) work. I was involved with and learned what M was through M Minded, SENDERS! and a M training course, "Perspectives" at CCSP. I participated in children's Sunday school and Calvary Kids Care Preschool.

In 2016, I spent one year teaching English to children and young adults at my residence. But I returned to the US as I needed more training. I completed an English course, earned a TESOL certificate, and also completed a course on Preschool Education at YWAM. I returned to my original location about a year ago.

The population in 2017 is about 95 million and it is still a communist, socialist state where believers are only about 2%. The local ch. (church) is focused more on adults and young people, with children being a fairly new endeavor. The Father has given me opportunities to pioneer three children's programs at a local ch. where I am protected and embraced. G(God) had a plan for me:

- To start a preschool Sunday School class, which has now grown to 14 children including children from a non-believing family.

- Teach two English classes for children as a ch. activity where about 30 children attend regularly.



I am thankful for those that help me reach those here. Through your prayers and funding, I am able to reach out, provide gatherings and physical needs/assistance to students. This shows them His love and that others care, and opens many doors to share. Without my partners at home, I could not do what I do.

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- I will be opening a new class for children of deaf parents to specifically focus on their social needs with a local teacher.

- I collaborate with other M serving young people in a gathering that has been around for about a year.

- I volunteer at English Cafe twice a week where young students meet in their spare time to learn to speak English.

I am thankful that, by the grace of G, I am able to pioneer children's programs at the local ch. As it says in the B(Bible), "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." I thank the Father that He has given me these opportunities and for guiding me at all times. I know and trust that He will show me more fruit and help me to continue to work well with the local leaders. He will prepare young people to take this work into the future. Thank you and G bless you all.

Funding information may be made to:
YWAM, 1275 Birch Rd, Lebanon, PA 17042;
memo: Esther Nam

DAVID & KAREN

LOCATION RESTRICTED

CCSP is the sending fellowship for us (David, Karen and our children) to a large country in East Asia. We joined Calvary in 2003 and David served as a pastoral intern. East Asia has been a part of David's and Karen's lives for about two decades. Karen first fell in love with the work in East Asia in the late 90's; David's first time to serve abroad was in 2002 when the two of us met.

We have served full-time in East Asia since 2006 and are blessed to raise our family (Spencer 11, Mia 8, and Ben 6) on the field serving the world. David teaches at a university and is supported by Karen's passion for engaging with people. This gives us access to many, where we can love on the people around us and speak truth into their lives. We are committed to building relationships and impacting lives. The Father has called us to this work, but we are not called alone. We need

a team of committed brothers and sisters to invest their time and resources to the spreading of truth to those in East Asia. Please consider lifting us up regularly, and if led to, join our support team.

Ask that we daily submit to the will of the Father and will abound in love for those we work with. Ask that we grow in the understanding of the Father and in our faith. That we will navigate the rough waters of security and sensitivity in such a way that the truth will prevail and change lives. We want to have eyes and ears to know whom we should invest more in and ask that the Father will strengthen our support team.

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During those 33 years of living in so many places, we connected with many churches and individuals. So when it came time to once again raise support, God had provided connections of those who knew us and were willing to pray and give to God on our behalf. And God provided an encouraging group here at CCSP who met with us, prayed with us, and shepherded us as we moved to Japan.

God impressed on both of us Bible verses that spoke to our concerns about this huge step:

Proverbs 3:5-8 – *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.*

Luke 1:37 – *For no word from God will ever fail.*

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We moved to Japan based on a brochure that invited us to be part of a church planting team there, working with others and a Japanese pastor. In the weeks prior to our arrival and upon arrival, almost everything changed!

Our leaders had been on home leave, and family issues caused them to stay in the US. The city that had language training for us had no other missionaries in residence upon our arrival, so we ended up living in a different city, one which did not have such language training available. And no other new missionaries came to join us to develop a church planting team. After two years in the smaller town, we were able to relocate to the city with language training opportunities.

Language training was challenging! After two semesters it became obvious that our 66-year-old brains had great difficulty with a language the US State Department regards as the second most difficult language for English speakers to learn. However, God provided a place of ministry for us that did not require a high level of Japanese language abilities; **Pioneers Japan Launch**. We became mentors for much younger missionaries arriving in Japan, helping them with housing, government registration, schooling, and a place for training to learn about serving in Japan. This allowed us to use skills God had taught us over many years, as well as experiences while in the country. God also provided a bi-lingual church for us to enjoy and serve in, teaching pre-school Sunday school.

After five years in Japan, it is necessary to leave the country for six months, due to an agreement between Japan and the US called the Totalization Agreement. Realizing we would soon be turning 70, we wondered if it would be best to end our stay in Japan. As we looked at the Japan Launch program, we realized it was established and operating well with an initial graduation of its first five students, the second wave of five more students halfway done, and up to 17 more students in the pipeline to come.

God sovereignly accomplishes His plans! Steve has been learning that personal pride gets in the way of being humble in an environment where you cannot often succeed from the world's point of view. God revealed to Emma that her outward behavior did not always reflect inner attitudes. Galatians 2:20 became a prayer focus. As a couple - the Rich Mullins song says it well - "We're not as strong as we think we are." We recognized our differences as we spent nearly all of our time together and after 43 years of marriage, it was great to get new perspectives. We can look back and see that God used every step of our journey for His purposes and for His Glory!

We are seeking to be quiet before the Lord and asking him to show us His next plans for us. We are no longer just American Christians, nor just missionaries to Japan, but a composite of both cultures:

Third Culture Christians.

■ Steve & Emma Franklin

The Franklins' Story - Why Global Missions?

Steve and Emma Franklin are on Home Assignment, finishing out their time as missionaries with Pioneers USA after 5 years of serving in Japan. They are sharing their journey and are a perfect of example of things happening in God's timing, not ours. If you see them around church, feel free to say hi. They'd love to answer any questions.

The church we were in as young believers was very missions minded. We began meeting and

hearing from missionaries that served in many places around the world. We were impressed with a technical mission where Steve could serve as an engineer and Emma as a teacher, helping global missions directly. That led us to stop secular employment, go to Bible college for 2½ years, and then work to raise support. We were in our early 30s with 3 little boys and we were not able to reach that support. With that, we felt God told us "no".

It was a devastating blow, but we trusted God. Steve went back into secular business and Emma back into teaching at a Christian school for the next 33 years. In the process, we lived in 11 of the United States and served in many churches as Sunday school teachers and small group leaders. We also began supporting, by prayer and funding, those with whom we had a personal relationship that went to the mission field all over the globe. Moving to St Pete, it was natural for us to become part of CCSP SENDERS! We learned more about missions, taking training courses and representing the church at Pioneers. At that meeting and through much prayer and counsel, again God called us to the mission field.



CALL TO ACTION

What Can I Do?

Sometimes God speaks to us to do something but we see that the need is great and it's overwhelming to know where to start. If you are feeling that you'd like to somehow participate in Missions, here are some practical ways to begin.

1) Pray for our missionaries.

- a. You will find their bi-monthly requests, compiled by the church, to see specifics of what is happening in their lives. This list is located on the literature racks near the Missions area of the Lobby. Some of our missionaries are also able to provide monthly newsletters and these are located in the same area.
- b. You may also contact them for their updates to stay current with their ministries and let them know you are praying. It is a huge encouragement to them knowing people at home are thinking of them.

2) Provide for our missionaries.

- a. This year has been an especially hard one for most of our missionaries financially. The cost of living, regardless of the location, rises and many have had large expenses incurred such as medical bills, transportation costs, provision for those they serve, etc. If God is speaking to you about providing funds, you will find contact information on their profiles or you may contact Missions@calvarystp.org with any questions.
- b. There are other ways to provide assistance such as donating airline miles, use of a vehicle or a place to stay, or having a family over to dinner when they are home. If you'd like to learn more, contact Missions@calvarystp.org.

3) Participate in reaching out for Christ.

- a. When missionaries are home, reach out to them and show interest in what they do; attend Meet & Greets to learn more about them and their ministry.
- b. Join SENDERS! or Mission Minded Fellowship to learn more about Global Missions.
- c. Serve locally – Several options of local outreach options through Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg are listed below.

Local Ministries

■ A Door of Hope Foster Care Ministry

Become a foster parent or volunteer with Foster Reach once a month to serve foster children. See the Ministry Directory or contact Jenne Aguirre at 727-322-7640; jenneaguirre@adoorofhope.com for details. Background checks and training required.

■ Love Our Schools/Lunch Pal Program

We partner with Campbell Park Elementary to provide mentors, developing friendships and providing role models by meeting with a child once a week during the child's lunch time. Other volunteer opportunities are available. See the Ministry Directory or contact Kathy Lee, 727-471-1428; kathylee@calvarystp.org. Background checks and training required.

■ Downtown Outreach

Feed and minister to the homeless, poor and less fortunate in Downtown St. Petersburg. They meet every Friday at 6:30 pm at St. Vincent de Paul, 401 15th St N. (Contact Tracy Buckley, 727-420-6648.)

PRAYER SUPPORT LIST

Missionaries Supported through Prayer -

While financial commitments may be limited, we have other amazing missionaries that we continue to come alongside in prayer and other types of support. We value what each of those listed below do and how they work to reach others for Christ.

Specific prayer requests can be found on the kiosk in the Missions area of the Lobby. The full list of requests for all missionaries associated with CCSP is updated bi-monthly (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep, Nov.) If you would like to know more about their ministry and how you could assist, please contact Julie at Missions@calvarystp.org or reach out to them directly.

■ **Rex Almquist, SEAR Ministries** – serving in Vietnam & also local Vietnamese families. SearUSA@yahoo.com; Mail & Financial support: P.O. Box 15025 St. Petersburg, FL 33733

■ **Kurt & Leah (Colon) Bostelaar, InterVarsity** – serving students at various universities in Miami & SE FL Region; leah.bostelaar@intervarsity.org; Financial support: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, P.O. Box 7895 Madison, WI 53707-7895; memo: Leah Bostelaar

■ **Andy & Suzanne Farina, Navigators** at University of FL/Gainesville area – discipling young adults to find answers in Christ; andyfarina@earthlink.net; Financial support: The Navigators, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 6079, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6679; memo: Farina #140210

■ **Martin & Beate Knauber, Wycliffe Bible Translators** – translating Bibles in languages to the Hutterite people in Northern US/Canada, the Dawawa people in Papua New Guinea and assisting with conflict resolution in areas where they serve; martin.knauber@sil.org; Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628211, Orlando, FL 32862-8200; memo: Knauber, Account # 220794

■ **Steven & Karen Masood, Jesus to Muslims (ITL)** – reaching out to Muslims that are seeking to find the true God using live & recorded radio programming, books and internet contacts; also seeking to educate others how to overcome barriers in the faith; karen@jesustomuslims.org; Financial support to ITL-USA, P.O. Box 1555, Summerfield, FL 34492

■ **Joel & April Otero, Navigators** at Florida International University, Miami – reaching out to international students to provide friendship and through relational discipleship, answer questions about Jesus which then multiplies believers as they return to their home countries; joel.otero@navigators.org; The Navigators, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 6079, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6679; memo: Otero #22890768

■ **Ron & Debbie Stafford, Pioneers** serving in Cali, Colombia – as second career missionaries they initially went to plant a church and now serve as elder support to a growing community; staf3748@gmail.com; Pioneers, 10123 William Carey Dr. Orlando, FL 32832; #110854/Stafford

■ **Bart & Anya De Craene, Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg Russia** – church planters to the city; b.d.craene@gmail.com

■ **Chuck & Jackie Peterman, Mission Increase Foundation** – offer teaching, coaching, consulting, and even matching grants, all at no cost to ministries in the Tampa Bay area; cpeterman@mif.org

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A HOLY NATION,
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1 PETER 2:9 (NIV)



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