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2020 HCC Missions  
Faith Promise

November 15 & 22



# **55th Annual Missions Faith Promise**

**November 15 & 22, 2020**

**HCC Missions Giving**

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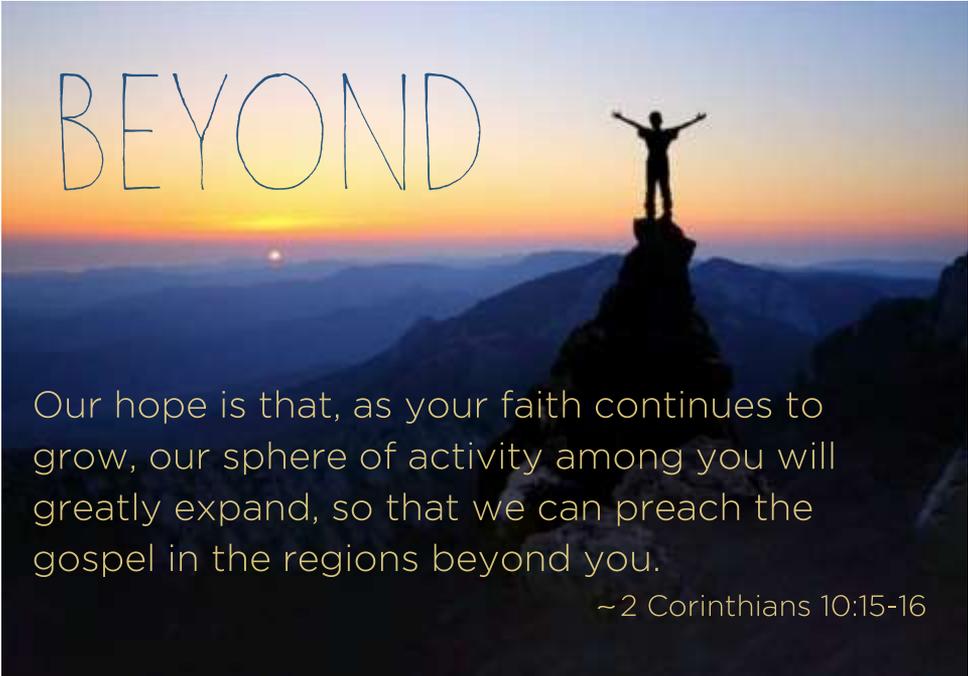
**Over \$2,883,000.00!**

**2020 Faith Promise Goal**

**\$120,000.00**

**given to missions in 2021**

## **2020 Theme**



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# **An Overview of Faith Promise**

## **Q - What is the Faith Promise program all about?**

**A** - In simple terms, Faith Promise is a personal pledge from you to God, that with His help you will faithfully support missions. Each November, members and friends of the Heath Church of Christ make anonymous promises to support missions for the coming year. The money collected for Faith Promise is kept separate from the church's General Fund.

## **Q - What are the advantages of using Faith Promise to support missions?**

**A** - Faith Promise:

1. Allows HCC to give consistently to the various mission works she supports (see list on page 7).
2. Provides people who have a passion for missions a convenient way to give to support missions.
3. Gives us an opportunity to stretch our faith through depending on God to enable us to keep our financial commitment to missions.

## **Q - Who decides what missionaries are given support?**

**A** - The missions committee, consisting of eight men and seven women plus one designated elder, is responsible for distributing Faith Promise funds to the various missionaries. Each member of the rotating committee serves a three-year term.

## **Q - How do I give my Faith Promise Offerings?**

**A** - Online Giving ([heath.church/give](http://heath.church/give)) & Offering Envelopes (at the bulletin stands in the lobby) are available to help individuals keep up-to-date on their Faith Promise commitment. Just designate your giving to the **Missions Fund** either online or on the offering envelope.

## **Current Missions Committee Members**

David Wetzel • Chair  
Rod Mount • Assistant Chair  
Michael Sealock • Secretary  
Karen Mack • Assistant Secretary  
Jolleen Hannahs • Treasurer  
Melissa Quitter • Assistant Treasurer  
Scott Brown  
Brittany Fairburn  
Tim Finck  
Holly Graham  
Will Hinds  
Ruth McCoy  
Donna Linn  
Linda Mason  
Mark Smith  
Todd Mount • Elder Representative  
David Linn • Minister Representative

The Missions Committee is a rotating committee. Members are selected from the congregation by the committee to serve a three-year term. ***If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact any of the members listed above.***

The committee meets the second Wednesday of every month. During these meetings, each mission is reviewed for current updates and special requests. According to the Heath Church of Christ Missions Committee by-laws, 10-12% of the missions fund is set aside for special requests or needs. The remaining 88-90% is distributed among the supported missions listed on the following page.

# Current Missions Supported on a Monthly Basis

Our missionaries and missions supported are:

Team Expansion North Africa: Georgé & Maria Gonzales	7.00%
Team Expansion Spain: Gabriel & Barbara Ayala	5.00%
Team Expansion Spain: Gabriella Balestrini	5.00%
Team Expansion Spain: Dionna Linn	5.00%
Christian Children's Home of Ohio	5.00%
Aaron & Jen Johnson	8.00%
Kentucky Christian University	3.00%
Strategic World Evangelism (Chennai, India)	6.00%
TCM International Inc.	7.00%
Mashoko Christian Hospital	5.00%
Endeavor Ministries: Randy & Sandy Finch	8.00%
World-Wide Hispanic Outreach (Fuentes)	6.50%
Pioneer Bible Translators (Jeff & Laura Wilhoit)	5.00%
Windward Islands Evangelism	7.50%
Team Expansion East Africa: Sailor Boatman	5.00%

# Special Gifts Update

As noted by the Missions Committee by-laws, 88-90% of designated funds are dispersed among the missionaries and missions identified on page 6 of this booklet. The remaining 10-12% is utilized for one-time gifts and special requests. These gifts may be given for special needs of the missionaries we regularly support or they may be shared with missions not regularly supported through our mission program. Funds are also used to cover Faith Promise expenses, gifts to guest speakers, various supplies and other small, miscellaneous items.

## **One Time Gifts/Expenses**

Mashoko Christian Hospital-nurses  
Mashoko Christian Hospital  
Clay Selway, CRU  
Pioneer Bible Translators  
Team Expansion-supplies for Venezuela  
ICOM  
Jen & Aaron Johnson  
Mulberry International  
TCM International Inc.  
Round Lake Christian Camp  
CCHO  
World-Wide Hispanic Outreach  
Windward Islands Evangelism  
Anel Betancourt-Venezuelan minister  
Celedonio Monasterio-Venezuela minister  
SWE-Leonard Thompson

# **Our Missionaries**

A missionary is one sent to spread the Good News. “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’ ” (Isaiah 52:7)

The following pages highlight the missionaries and mission works Heath Church of Christ currently supports through Missions Faith Promise. Please familiarize yourself with these invaluable partners. It is the hope of the HCC Missions Committee that you will faithfully support these partners through your Faith Promise giving and through your prayers.

# Serving Muslims in North Africa

## Georgé & Maria Gonzales

**Mission statement: Facilitate the multiplication of churches, leaders, and trainers among North Africans.**

Georgé & Maria have been serving in North Africa for 16 years. Prior to moving to North Africa, they spent 15 years working in the real estate business and planting churches in Venezuela. In 2002, they received a call from God to work among the Muslims. In 2004, they joined another missionary family with Team Expansion in North Africa. Their team, united with God and His Church, strives to establish a church multiplication movement through strategic prayer, evangelism, and discipleship.

Georgé & Maria have been working with nearly 100 contacts that they have in their system. Within these contacts, they have 11 groups of families that continue to develop as churches.



Two of these groups of families have reproduced in second-generation groups with other families. They also are studying and sharing the Gospel with nearly forty men of peace who are sharing and studying the bible with family and friends.

They are focusing on training and developing leaders in the vision of making and multiplying disciples so that these men and women can reach out to their families and establish new House Churches. As a result, Churches are starting in the capital and in the central and northern regions of the country.

“Thank you so much for your prayers and your partnership with us. It is truly an honor and a privilege to partner with the Heath Church of Christ. You are playing a huge part in what God is doing in North Africa.”

Georgé & Maria



**Contact information for this family is available from the mission team**

# Team Expansion Spain



**Gabo & Barbara Ayala:** Making Disciples that Make Disciples. It has been 5 years since our journey of serving God in Spain started. Since we got here life and ministry have changed. We started with just Barbara and me and now we have two beautiful daughters. We also transitioned from helping a Church in Murcia to serving with a bigger team here in Granada. One thing that hasn't changed is God's faithfulness and our passion for this nation.

This year has brought a lot of personal growth, as a couple, as parents, and also as disciples of Christ. Our team has changed and taken on new challenges and added new dynamics. One of the biggest challenges has been taking on the role of team leaders.. God has brought us more national believers that have a desire to see their own nation saturated with the Gospel. Together with our team, we're all pursuing a Disciple-Making Movement in Spain.

At the beginning of the year we dreamed about the big picture and what the year might look like. We thought of new training opportunities as well as growth in our media ministry to find people seeking God. Praise God! Part of those dreams are coming true. We've had new opportunities to train and equip national believers and as our media ministry outreach grows we've seen people seeking God and new brothers and sisters born again creating that second and third generation of disciples we've been praying for.

We trust God that this is just the beginning of multiple generations of disciples reaching out to their friends, families, or even cities and we are truly thankful for all of you, our brothers and sister in Heath, that are part of what God is doing here in Spain.

With Love, Gabo, Barbara, Abby & Evie.

**Gabriela Balestrini:** As many of you know, I was born and raised in Venezuela in a Catholic household, but I came to know the real gospel in the church that David and Donna Linn founded in Casarapa.

God opened a path for missions and in 2013 I came to Spain for the first time. For the last 7 years I have been serving with the team in Granada, sharing the message of the gospel among my neighbors and friends through prayer walks, and on a larger scale in the great Granada area through the media ministry.

Recently, God has opened a new path serving him in the north of Spain, in the Community of Galicia, led by my teammate Rebekah Hannum.

We will be doing prayer walks in the villages with the intention of sharing the gospel with those who want to listen, and also using the ministry of social media throughout the Community of Galicia.



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### **Please pray with me:**

- For grace and faith to manage well the adjustments of being in a new locality.
- For new relationships in Ordes, the city where now I live.
- To learn well the language of the heart of the Galicians.
- To understand how God is working among the Galicians, and how I can serve them.
- For divine wisdom, to always be able to present the message of Christ in a way that is appropriate and relatable to the heart of the Spaniards

I thank each one of you at HCC for your spiritual and financial support. It is a blessing to work together for the expansion of God's Kingdom on Earth.

**Dionna Linn:** I came to Granada, Spain in May of 2018 to serve as an apprentice with Team Expansion. During those two years, the Lord solidified my desire to stay as a full-time missionary. I now work alongside two other missionary families as we endeavor to see a Disciple-Making Movement in Spain. The greater Granada area consists of some 500,000 people. Less than 2% of these people would claim to be Christ-followers.



**Implementing Extraordinary Prayer:** As a team, we manage WePray4Spain, a prayer network of nearly 5,000 followers around the world who we seek to engage in prayer for the nation of Spain. We also go on routine prayer walks, seeking to find people of peace who accept us and accept our message. Since 2018, I have been able to start two Discovery Bible Studies with people God connected us with through prayer walks.

**Connecting through Media Ministry:** Perhaps our greatest efforts to connect with people of peace is through our media ministry. I serve as the Project Manager. We are able to reach several hundred-thousand people through social media, in search of those looking online for answers to deep questions. Simon, one of the men who connected with us through our media ministry, has opened a Discovery Bible Study with his family and recently baptized a friend of his in to Christ!

**Equip local leaders:** This past year we were able to train 75+ believers to be disciples worth reproducing and to make disciples among their family, friends, and circles of influence. The Lord has also connected us with two local churches in towns about an hour outside of Granada who we have been partnering with as they seek to reach the unreached peoples around them.

I also have the unique opportunity to play on a competitive women's soccer team in Granada. Over the last two years, the Lord has grown tremendous relationships with the girls and has given me many opportunities to share my faith with them.

There is no doubt that HCC has had an incredible impact in my life over the years, beginning with my grandparents, then my parents, and now myself individually as a missionary. Thank you again for your faithful investment in the kingdom over the years!

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Dionna Linn <dionnal@teamexpansion.org>

# Christian Children's Home of Ohio

In March of 1969, a serene 175-acre farm in Wooster became known as the Christian Children's Home of Ohio (CCHO) when members of the independent Christian Churches/Churches of Christ movement learned of a boy with no safe place to call home. CCHO was initially licensed as a foster/group home serving three to five children at one time.



CCHO's Residential Center now has five spacious cottages and provides a safe structured environment to meet the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs of abused and neglected children from across Ohio. Children ages 6-18 are provided with therapeutic, social, spiritual and educational opportunities designed to aid the child with the healing process, model for them how a healthy family functions, develop coping and life skills, and introduce them to Jesus Christ.

CCHO also provides foster care services through our Encourage Foster Care program and counseling services through Encompass Christian Counseling.



Below is an example of the children who are being ministered to:

Marcus grew up watching his parents abuse alcohol and drugs. He witnessed incidents of domestic violence throughout his childhood. He would routinely be left alone overnight in a home with no food. He developed an obsession with weapons and bombs, and eventually attempted suicide.

The good news is we are seeing God move in the lives of these children. In the past year, we've had 11 baptisms on campus. One of the girls shared the following words at her baptism:

"I am here today because I have chosen to give myself to the Lord. I haven't always known who the Lord was. I grew up in a family who did not believe in God. I grew up with friends who believed, but I usually made fun of them. My best friend at the time had asked me to go to church with her. I went but felt super awkward. I continued to attend services but still after all those services, I didn't believe. At least until one day when my life was changed. I was sitting in that room tied up when for the first time in my life, I prayed. I asked Him to give me the strength to get through the situation and to send help to me. As I said amen, I heard the sirens. Before I knew it, I was untied and thanking God for saving me. I'm ready for a new start, following Jesus. I want to come up out of the water and feel proud of myself. I'm doing this for Christ. I am now ready to be baptized."

Thank you for providing the therapy necessary so these children can overcome their trauma while helping them to discover their worth in Christ. Thank you for your support and letting these confused and broken children know they are loved, they are valued and they are safe.

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# Florida Church Plant

## Aaron and Jen Johnson

Aaron and Jen Johnson have spent the last two years at a church plant in Orlando, Florida preparing to launch another new church in Florida. Jen (Smith) grew up here at HCC. They shared the following about their work.



The last three years, our family has gone through many transitions, moving 1,000 miles away from the Midwest, developing new relationships and pastoring in a new church plant. We have been trying to be obedient to our Lord, who called us down to Florida into the new church movement here. All of these transitions were to prepare us to lead a new church plant. Due to its rapid growth and highly transient population, Florida has an acute need for new churches. We see that need played out on a daily basis. We interact with many people that have little to no church background at all. A negative attitude toward the church and Christians is the norm.

It hasn't been easy. But time and time again, God has revealed His hand at work. HCC has been such a huge part of what God is doing in Florida. You have been true partners to us as we minister in Florida too many people who are far from God.

We are excited to share with you about Our Florida Project. We have been called and gone through an evaluation process to be lead planters in the community of Lakewood Ranch, about 2 hours southwest of where we are currently located in Orlando. We are excited to be moving to Lakewood Ranch in early 2021, with a plan to launch a new church officially in fall of 2021.

Lakewood Ranch is a rapidly growing intergenerational community. A community that is deeply in need of Bible believing churches and faithful Christ followers. The population of Lakewood Ranch in general is very affluent, educated and of all generations. There is a population of Christ followers in Lakewood Ranch, but a huge need for more churches to share His love and grace with the community. The whole county only has 2 other independent Christian Churches or Churches of Christ in this quickly growing county. We are excited to partner with others that have a heart for Lakewood Ranch and sharing God's love!

Thank you so much for partnering with us as we have reached people here in central Florida and now in southwest Florida with Jesus' love and grace.

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# Kentucky Christian University



## Focusing on Christ • Building Character • Preparing for Career

Founded in 1919, Kentucky Christian University is a private university in the beautiful foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. At KCU we believe that our students become better Christian leaders by coming to know Christ more fully; becoming the person God created them to be through development of

Christian Character; and, graduate with confidence and minister in their chosen Career!

Students choose from a wide variety of bachelors and graduate degree programs with both online and classroom formats. In keeping with the KCU guiding principles of “Christ, Character, and Career,” each educational program develops Christian leaders for the workplace.

### **Majors**

#### **Bible and Ministry:**

Preaching • Youth and Family • Christian Leadership • Pastoral Care • Missions • Camp Management • Small Group Ministry • Worship • Biology/Pre-Professional

#### **Bible and Worship**

#### **Biology (Pre-Professional)**

#### **Business Administration:**

• Accounting • Management • Sport Management • Music Business

#### **Counseling Psychology**

#### **History/Pre-Law**

#### **Nursing**

• BSN • RN-BSN (online)

#### **Social Work**

#### **Teacher Education:**

• Primary (K - Gr. 5) • Middle School (Gr. 5-9)  
• Secondary, Social Studies (Gr. 8-12)

#### **University Studies**

#### **Graduate Programs**

• Master of Arts in Christian Leadership • Master of Arts in Biblical Studies • Master of Arts in Religion • Master of Science in Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)

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# Strategic World Evangelism

## Leonard Thompson

SWE is a seed planting ministry based out of Chennai, India that is committed to spreading the teachings of Jesus Christ. We proclaim the Gospel widely over all Asia and elsewhere, believing that the seed must FIRST be sown for it to take root and bear fruit (Luke 8:11). We are more than just a mission for evangelism, it is our life!



### Current areas of ministry:

- **The Divine Connection**, a TV broadcast began in 2007 in one language and one broadcast. It is now seen 3 nights a week in 4 languages (English, Hindi, Tamil & Telegu). The broadcasts receive responses via phone and email providing local church and correspondence course connections.
- **ChristIndian** is a bi-monthly publication with Dr. Thompson as chief editor.
- Dr. Thompson teaches regularly as a professor at **Lakeview Bible College** in India (a school that was founded by SWE).
- Seminars on **World Religions** and **What do you know about Islam**.
- Author of several books on preaching, angels and demons, world religion.

### Stay Connected:

Like and follow our Facebook page, **The Divine Connection**, a TV Broadcast of Strategic World Evangelism.

View an episode of **The Divine Connection** at: <https://youtu.be/HTZKLN-ibqy>

### Adapting and Succession planning:

During this time of COVID, Dr. Thompson became stranded in the United States and has been staying with a daughter in Iowa. The ministry/preaching/teaching has continued via Zoom and broadcast recordings have continued with Dr. V. Solomon Yesudoss whom Leonard has been grooming for quite some time. The YouTube link above is an episode with Dr. Yesudoss preaching.

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# TCM International

Helping Every Nation Reach Their Own People



In 1957, TCM was founded as a church-planting organization by Gene Dulin in Toronto, Canada. In 1961, TCM began providing Bibles, literature, training, and assistance to Christians living in communist-controlled Eastern Europe. That work spread into the Soviet Union and satellite countries. In 1971, TCM

purchased Haus Edelweiss, in Austria. In 1982, TCM began offering “Summer Seminary” to train Eastern European Christian leaders. From these beginnings, the work of TCM International Institute was born.

**Our Vision:** That every nation will have effective leaders of disciple-making movements impacting their churches, cultures, and countries for Christ.

**Our Calling:** Since 1957 TCM has come alongside Christians throughout the world who have a passion for raising up disciple makers and planting churches. Through our institute, we develop bi-vocational Christian leaders for less than two percent of the cost it would take to send a U.S. missionary to that same country. Since these disciple-makers already know the cultures and languages, they are equipped with the needed advanced training for successful ministries and a lifetime of service.

**Our Program:** We currently have over 1,500 students and over 700 graduates working in 43 countries. Accredited Certificate, M.A., and M.Div. courses are offered in a flexible format so that the disciple-makers can stay fully involved in their local ministries and employment. 80% of each class is delivered online and another 20% is finished face-to-face with in-depth discussion, mentoring, and application of the online portion.

**Our Mentoring Centers:** Many students are unable to travel to our Austrian Center because of family or ministry situations, lack of finances, or political issues. So TCM has strategically utilized online services and created 23 additional mentoring centers in 15 other countries to provide the students with easier access to the training. Currently over 50% of our classes are finished face-to-face at these centers, making our ministry training cost-effective and convenient.

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# Mashoko Christian Hospital

## Dr. Zindoga & Dinah Bungu

Mashoko Christian Hospital is at Mashoko Mission in Bikita District of Masvingo Province in Zimbabwe, Africa. Mashoko Mission was founded by two American mission families, the Pemberton's and the Pruett's. Dr. Pruett founded Mashoko Christian Hospital for the purpose of evangelization.

Dr. Pruett once said of Medical Evangelism:

Medical evangelism is the best way in the world to put Christian ideals into action. You SEE with your EYES, and TOUCH with your HANDS, and FEEL with your HEART the LOVE CHRIST had

for people when he helped them. This is made more wonderful when you see the appreciation from a people who now understand that the love that God had for all people is manifested in His Servants.

As of August there have been over 50 baptisms through the hospital in 2020.

Dr. Zindoga and Dinah Bungu currently lead the ministry. Zindoga is a Preacher who is a Medical Doctor. He attended Cincinnati Christian University before receiving his training as a medical doctor. He has been working for Mashoko Christian Hospital for the past 34 years and has been its leader since 1992. Zindoga and Dinah were married while they were students at Purdue University. The wedding was held at the Heath Church of Christ. They have 4 children and 3 grandchildren.

A new Director has been added to the Ministry, Suspicion Mudzanire. He is married to Dolce, a nurse at Mashoko Christian Hospital. They have a preschool age daughter. He is the Evangelism Director.

Mashoko is a fully equipped medical facility with an operating room. A facility on the property houses pregnant women, children, and critically ill patients. Daily challenges at Mashoko include malaria, AIDS, diarrhea, eye disease, malnutrition, and wounds. They are also dealing with the coronavirus pandemic.

Mashoko also trains and prepares each person for their new life with Christ. Core fundamentals of the Christian faith are ingrained in the ministry. As doctors and nurses head to surgery, rounds, or clinics, chaplains preach through the wards where many hear the Gospel for the first time. Devotions are led each morning before the staff begins their shifts. A Sunday evening Bible study and worship are held, as well as a Wednesday evening worship.

Outreach at Mashoko Christian Hospital includes AIDS home-based care, new convert community follow up, dental outreach, and area church visits.



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# Endeavor Ministries

## Randy & Sandy Finch



**Building and crossing bridges of heart with the Gospel of Christ among least-reached and unreached peoples, while serving to assist others in doing the same!**



The Finches are based in Columbus, Ohio—sharing the Hope of the Gospel in person and online with Muslim international students from over 15 different Muslim majority countries. Andy also travels to the Arab Gulf to share with dear Muslim friends and their families.

Rndy writes, “We serve with Endeavor Ministries, Inc. Thank you, Heath Church of Christ, for your ongoing, faithful prayer and generous and sacrificial financial partnership which enables us to fulfill this call of God to share the Gospel among Muslims near and far!

Most every Muslim we interact with has said that we are the only followers of Jesus they have ever known! Pray that we can make Jesus and his way of salvation famous among our dear Muslim friends! PLEASE DILGENTLY pray that one day they will accept Jesus as their Savior and choose to follow Him! Our labors are not in vain in the Lord!”

- Praise God for continued opportunities to share the Gospel among Muslims completely online until the pandemic has subsided.
- Praise God that we were able to complete Hondo’s adoption on February 5, 2020!
- Praise God that Maria has accepted Christ and has been baptized on April 8, 2020!
- Praise God that Alice has accepted Christ and was baptized on July 30, 2020!
- Please continue to pray for openness of heart to share as daily and weekly conversations and opportunities occur and as they continue to expand online.
- Pray that I will be able to resume face to face in person gatherings with dear Muslim friends as soon as possible!
- Praise God that we get to share the Hope we have in Christ in every clear, practical, personal way through the sharing of God’s Word and HIS love and way of salvation through Jesus!
- Pray for God to continue to bless with HIS favor among Muslims who continually introduce us to their friends and family - with whom we also share online and in person whenever possible.
- Pray for hearts to receive Christ as Lord and be immersed into Christ!
- Pray for God to empower us mightily through His Spirit to see each open door He opens and to have the faith, love, humility, discernment, and obedience to walk through!

**Contact information for this family is available from the mission team**

# World Wide Hispanic Outreach

## Ernesto & Olga Fuentes

Ernesto and Olga Fuentes, founders of World -Wide Hispanic Outreach (WWHO), began as missionaries in 1968 evangelizing, starting multiple Christian universities, and an inter-city ministry in Saltillo, Mexico. WWHO was founded in 2010. Dr. Esly Fuentes was named Executive Director in 2017. The following ministries are under the WWHO umbrella.

**Hispanic Leadership Outreach** was founded in 2013 as an online education system to equip the Hispanic world to fulfill the great commission by making disciples that make disciples. In collaboration with universities and professionals they translate materials and teach different subjects, to develop a stronger leadership through Christ-centered education.

**Communion Health Center & Pharmacy:** Dr. Esly & Dr. Sandy Fuentes established the clinic and pharmacy in the village of la Biznaga in 2011. They have also opened clinics & pharmacies in the villages of Mesa de las Tablas and San Antonio. This ministry provides healthcare that people in nearby villages cannot afford elsewhere. They broke ground in June 2017 for what will be the first hospital in the county. A hospital means they will be able to provide more advanced services and continue to spread the love of Christ to all who enter the doors. The hospital is currently under construction.

**New Life Christian Church:** WWHO has planted several churches with the goal to become self-sufficient. New Life Christian Church is one of those churches. It is in the village of la Biznaga next to WWHO's medical clinic and pharmacy. It has a full pastoral staff equipped to provide discipleship and is establishing small groups in homes in each of the surrounding villages.

**Praise Valley Camp & Retreat Center:** WWHO broke ground in January of 2006, and today the campus consists of 63 acres. It is open 365 days of the year and used primarily for outreach, training, and fellowship. Mission teams from HCC have helped construct several projects at the camp. The facilities includes 2 chapels, 3 dormitories, 5 classrooms, kitchen & dining room, sports facility, swimming pools, fire pit, hiking trails, and plenty of open space for any event. In the first 14 years of existence the camp has witnessed over 2000 baptisms.

**Sharing Hope Child Sponsorship Program:** Sharing Hope provides physical & spiritual support to children in the community each week through sponsors from around the world.



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# Pioneer Bible Translators

## Jeff & Laura Wilhoit



Jeff serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer of Pioneer Bible Translators. Jeff and Laura serve in Bible translation and literacy in the Toma language of West Africa. Jeff has been a member of Pioneer Bible Translators since 1985 and served in Papua New Guinea before Laura joined in 1993 to serve with him in West Africa. The Wilhoits now live in the Dallas area.

Jeff traveled to West Africa in January-February. He and our Toma co-translators attended a four-day translation workshop that

Pioneer Bible held for 12 translation teams in the country. One of our translation consultants traveled with Jeff and completed the consultant check of Ephesians with our team. The team also updated the Toma Scripture app and we plan to publish over 20 additional books of the Bible electronically on the app this year.

Laura continues to work remotely with our co-translators, and to serve as a translation consultant for Bible translation projects in three other West African languages.



Heath Church of Christ began supporting the ministry of Jeff and Laura with Pioneer Bible Translators in 2007. During the last 13 years, Heath has helped Pioneer Bible Translators grow from 200 teammates to 562; from serving in 43 languages to 99; and from serving in 6 countries to 22. We thank Heath this year especially for helping to provide three months' worth of food for the families of 53 Toma pastors and widows of pastors while churches were closed and they were unable to receive their salaries.

We are deeply grateful to the Lord for your faithful partnership during this time of reminders of our complete dependence on Him.

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# WISE Bible College

## Brice and Amanda Wurdeman

The mission of WISE Bible College (Windward Islands School of Evangelism) is to evangelize Caribbean societies and bring them to Christian maturity through the development of leaders for the church. WISE is located at Fortesque Plantation Yard, Bridgetown, Barbados West Indies. The uniqueness of the WISE campus and having students in that environment from around the Caribbean is a unique learning experience that does more than grow them in the classes. It also encourages unity from many cultures, worshipping daily with fellow believers, and learning to live in a healthy family environment. Students often leave saying they did not have a father relationship or a healthy family, so their time at WISE has taught them how to be a good father/mother, husband/wife, and leaders.



The school was started by Bob and Jackie Muter after they went on a missionary trip to Jamaica in 1974 where the need for trained national leadership for the churches became very apparent to them. WISE is currently under the direction of Brice and Amanda Wurdeman. On Sunday, June 23rd, 2019, co-founder Jackie Muter, age 87, went to be with the Lord. Jackie was Amanda Wurdeman's grandmother. She was preceded in death by her husband.

WISE has students from Nigeria and even Pakistan that applied and the student from Nigeria was approved by immigration to come study! We're excited that WISE has and is continuing to make a Kingdom impact throughout the Caribbean, but is also reaching people and churches outside the Caribbean context as well! We have students currently and incoming from Haiti, Jamaica, Dominica, St. Vincent, and Barbados, even in the midst of the COVID situation. God is good!

WISE currently offers two different educational opportunities:

1. 1-year Bible Knowledge Certificate
2. 2-year Associate Degree

A favorite song in Barbados is called Nare Ekele. It says God's done so much for me, I cannot tell it all. If I had ten thousand tongues, it still would not be enough. Nara Nare Kele Mo, which means accept my praise, Lord.

WISE is grateful for the support of HCC.

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# Team Expansion

## Sailor Boatman

Sailor Boatman is serving with a team in an East Africa country that is closed to missionaries. They are advancing the Gospel through the work they are doing to provide safe drinking water for their surrounding communities. They are able to build relationships through this work which gives them opportunities to share their faith.

Their goal is to help create a disciple-making movement of simple churches that discover, obey, and share Jesus in this country that has very few followers of Jesus.

Earlier this year Sailor and the rest of the team were forced to leave the country due to the coronavirus pandemic. He recently was able to return. At the time of this writing, he is awaiting the return of the rest of the team.



Anthony said there is no mention of COVID by the residents there and no one wears a mask. He recently met a national believer and is training him to better share his testimony with others.

A short time ago Sailor was in Ohio and appreciated visiting HCC. He passed along his thanks for the rock climbing gear (donations purchased a climbing harness). We also had put him in contact with a Columbus climbing company who had used climbing holds and he was able to purchase

enough to build a climbing wall!

Sailor is looking forward to using this wall as a way to connect with people and share his faith. Unfortunately, he fell and had to go to the hospital! He has purchased a mattress to put under the wall!



# **Our Faith Promise Speaker**

November 15, 2020



**Dan Franks**

**Christian Children's Home  
of Ohio**

**Dan Franks** graduated from Kent State University with a degree in Telecommunications which now would be referred to as broadcasting. He spent over 25 years in Christian Radio including stops in Kansas, Kentucky, Columbus, Ohio and most recently in Western Ohio. Dan is a native of Wayne County and five years ago returned to the area to work at Christian Children's Home of Ohio where he serves as the Director of Development. Dan shares about CCHO's growing ministry, raises support for their operations, organizes special events and recruits foster parents. Outside of CCHO, Dan is a long-suffering Cleveland sports fan who is hoping this is the year for the Browns.

# **Our Faith Promise Speaker**

November 22, 2020



## **Dr. Leonard Thompson**

### **Strategic World Evangelism**

#### **Chennai, India**

Leonard and Pam Thompson started Strategic World Evangelism in 1971.

SWE is a seed planting ministry based out of Chennai, India that is committed to spreading the teachings of Jesus Christ. We proclaim the Gospel widely over all Asia and elsewhere, believing that the seed must FIRST be sown for it to take root and be fruitful (Luke 8:11). We are more than just a mission for evangelism, it is our life!!!

Dr. Thompson received his B.S.L. from Manila Bible Seminary, his M.A. in theology from Cincinnati Bible Seminary, his M.A. in communications from Wheaton College, his B.D. from Serampore, and his D. Min from Fuller University.

# **Faith Promise**—NOTES

# How to Pray for Missionaries

## **Their country**

Pray for the leaders in your friends' country. Pray for freedom to preach the gospel. Pray for political stability.

## **Their personal needs**

Pray that your friends will feel at home in a new country, culture and climate. Pray for their children. Pray for happy family times together, and for the children to love and serve the Lord. Pray that they won't resent being separated from their parents, and that the parents won't fret about their children. Pray for elderly or frail parents back home and for those who support them. Ask that God would look after them during your friends' absence. If the missionary is single, feelings of loneliness and isolation may creep in. Pray for good, sustaining friendships, for holiday arrangements and time to relax and unwind. Pray for your friends when it's time to adjust back to life in their own country. Pray that as they visit churches and supporters they would build strong links and renew relationships. Pray for good relationships with national Christian leaders and with fellow workers, some of whom may come from different cultures and countries. Grasping the language takes time. Pray as your friends learn a new language, understand its nuances and attempt to communicate. Pray against set backs and discouragement. Pray for their language helpers. Pray for people with the courage to correct and advise, and encourage your friends in their work.

## **For boldness**

Pray... "that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given to me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel... Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should." (Ephesians 6:19, 20)

## **For opportunity and clarity**

"Pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ... Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should." (Colossians 4:3, 4)

## **For protection**

"Pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one." (2 Thessalonians 3:2, 3)

## **For the spread of God's word**

"Pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you." (2 Thessalonians 3:1)



