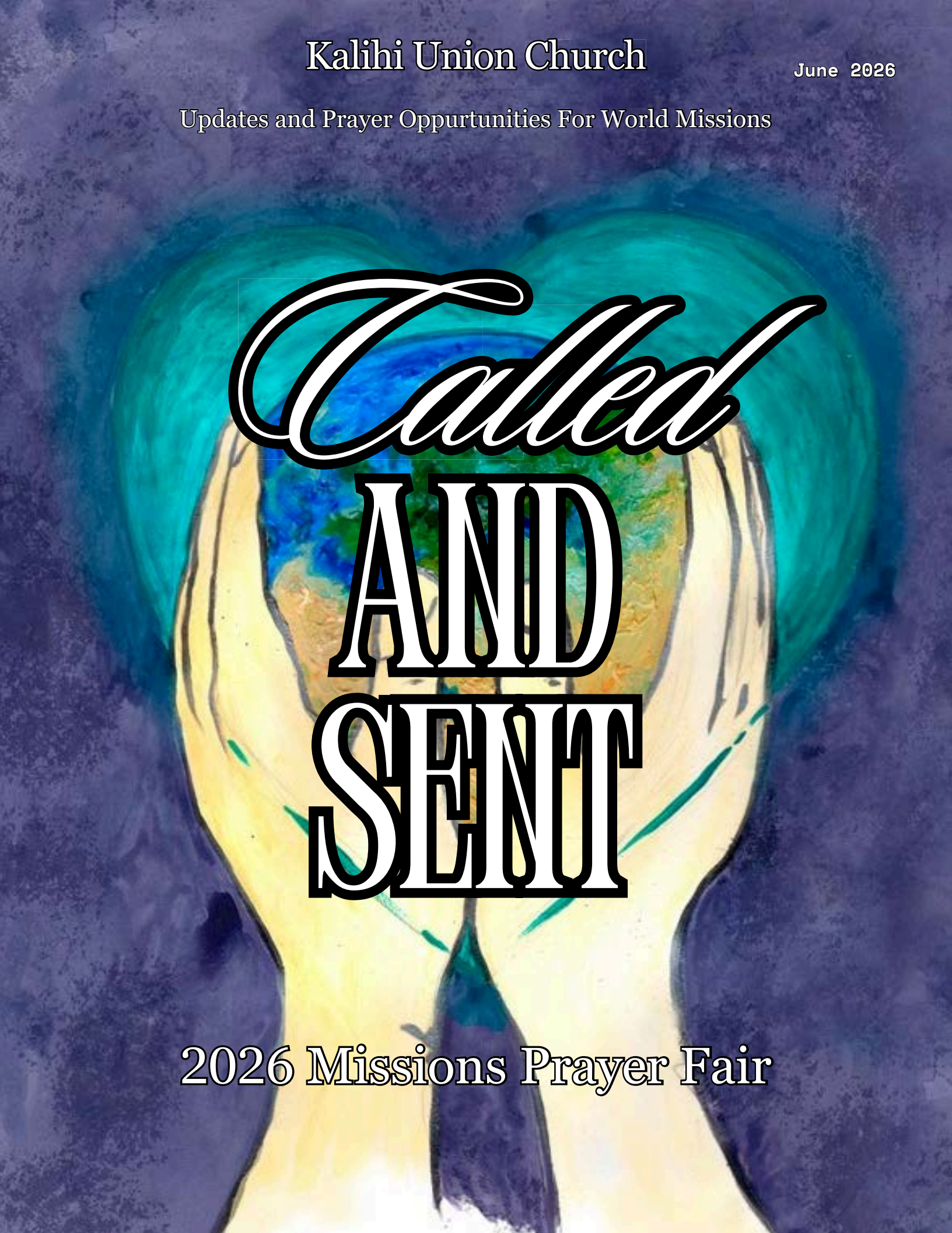


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Missions Booklet Introduction

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.”

— Matthew 28:19

God is at work around the world, drawing people from every nation, tribe, and language to Himself. One of the privileges we have as a church is partnering with missionaries and ministries who faithfully share the gospel, make disciples, and serve in Christ’s name.

This booklet contains updates from our mission partners, along with specific prayer requests to help us support them in prayer. As you read, we encourage you to move beyond simply learning about their ministries and to actively lift them before the Lord.

The Apostle Paul wrote:

“Pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word.”

— Colossians 4:3

Though many of us may never serve where our missionaries serve, we can all participate in God’s mission through faithful prayer, generous giving, and encouragement.

May these stories of God’s work strengthen your faith, deepen your love for the nations, and inspire you to join in Christ’s mission to make disciples of all peoples.



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Chuck & Barbara Grimes

Kerggma Consultants Southeast Asia



Chuck and Barbara Grimes continue to serve in Indonesia through Bible translation and multilingual Christian education. Their ministry helps children and communities encounter God's Word in the languages closest to their hearts.

Barbara is currently working with a team of 17 facilitators to prepare teacher training programs during the June and July school holidays. These trainings support a growing multilingual education initiative that equips children to learn literacy skills and biblical truths through their local languages. This year, the GMIT church denomination officially approved the expansion of the program. What began in 74 church schools using 16 local languages is now growing to include additional schools and grade levels. Reading assessments have shown significant improvement among participating students, while more children are gaining a deeper understanding of Jesus and Scripture.



Bible translation remains the foundation of their ministry. Despite vision challenges caused by cataracts, Chuck continues to assist translation teams by conducting consultant checks of newly translated Scriptures. Recently, he worked with a team translating the Gospel of Mark into the Fatule'u language of West Timor—the first Scripture ever translated into that language. He has also assisted the Abui translation team on Alor Island as they prepare to dedicate the Gospel of Mark, marking an important milestone in their translation efforts.

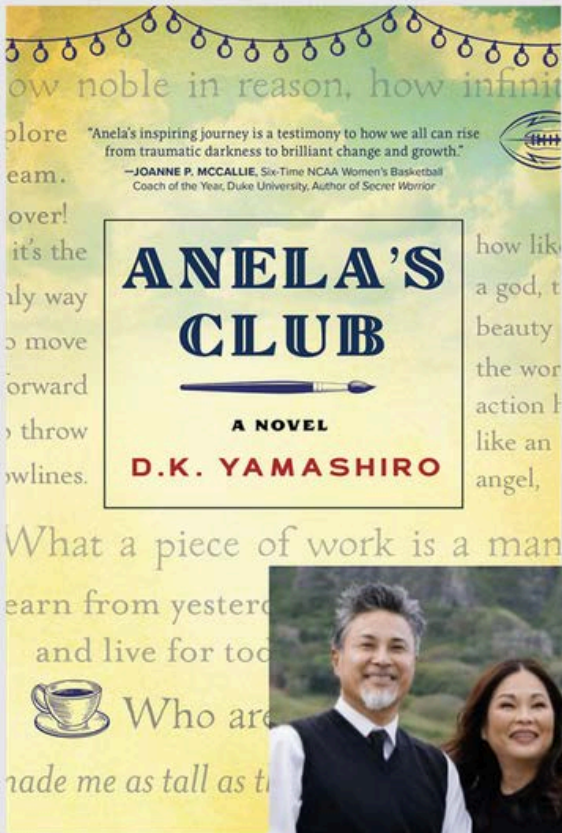


Prayer Requests

- Wisdom as curriculum and educational materials continue to be developed
- Strength, health, and encouragement for Chuck and Barbara
- Additional translators, facilitators, and ministry workers
- Financial provision for expanding education and translation ministries
- That more children and communities will encounter God's Word in their heart language

Danny and Jamie Yamashiro

Boston MA / JCCY Inc.



For 33 years, Danny and Jamie Yamashiro have shared the hope of Jesus Christ through evangelism, media outreach, missions, and leadership development. Guided by Jesus' words in John 15:5, their ministry continues to impact lives in Hawai'i and around the world.

Through Danny Yamashiro Ministries, the Gospel reaches audiences globally through radio broadcasts, podcasts, and media partnerships. Current projects include the publication of *Anela's Club* in Korean and the continued development of a feature film screenplay. The ministry is also exploring new opportunities through Paradise Global Mission, including outreach efforts in Iceland and Japan.

Danny continues to invest in the next generation of leaders through his work as a faculty chaplain at MIT and teaching engagements at Harvard University. Jamie ministers through her tennis outreach in the Greater Boston area, building meaningful relationships and sharing Christ's love with those she encounters.

Another important project is Danny's upcoming book, *Profiles of Resilience*, which explores how childhood experiences and spiritual mentors influenced the leadership development of twelve American presidents. They are praying for a publisher and broad distribution so the book can reach a wide audience.

The annual Call to Hope Golf Tournament remains one of Hawai'i's leading outreach events, bringing people together through friendship, encouragement, and the hope found in Jesus Christ.

Prayer Requests

- Continued fruitfulness in media and evangelism ministries
- New ministry opportunities in Iceland and Japan
- Wisdom and influence in mentoring future leaders
- Publication and broad distribution of *Profiles of Resilience*
- God's blessing on the Call to Hope Golf Tournament
- Continued strength and encouragement for Danny and Jamie



David and Lydia Hall

New Zealand / YWAM



David and Lydia Hall continue to serve faithfully through Bible distribution, leadership development, and ministry partnerships. Their ministry is centered on making God's Word available to people who need it while encouraging and equipping the next generation of Christian leaders.

A significant part of their work involves the production and distribution of New Testaments. Demand for Scripture remains strong, with recent orders including 32 New Testaments one day and 300 more the next. These opportunities reflect a continuing hunger for God's Word and the importance of providing Scripture to individuals and communities around the world.

David is also actively involved in mentoring younger leaders, investing in men and women who are serving Christ throughout Asia and the Pacific.

Through years of training, encouragement, and discipleship, many of these leaders are now making an impact for the Gospel in their own ministries and communities.

In addition, David serves on the legal boards of YWAM Auckland and Across Ministries and is actively involved with the Gideons in Auckland and the national leadership team. Through these roles, he helps support ministries focused on evangelism, discipleship, leadership development, and Bible distribution.



Prayer Requests

- That God would use every New Testament distributed to transform lives
- For those serving throughout Asia and the Pacific who have been trained and mentored over the years
- For a fresh move of God that draws many people into His Kingdom
- For their two children, spouses, and seven grandchildren
- For continued health, strength, and endurance in ministry
- For God's ongoing financial provision and faithful supporters

Dennis & Jeanette Frahm

Northfield, Minnesota, USA. Navigators

Dennis and Jeanette Frahm serve with The Navigators, focusing on developing lifelong disciple-makers who can impact their communities for Christ. Their ministry takes place both in their immediate neighborhood and throughout the wider community of Northfield, Minnesota.

Locally, Dennis serves on the Homeowners Association Board of Directors in their neighborhood of 50 townhomes. This role creates natural opportunities to build relationships, have meaningful conversations, and demonstrate Christ's love to neighbors through everyday interactions.

Their ministry also extends throughout the broader Northfield community, which is home to approximately 20,000 people and includes both St. Olaf College and Carleton College. Through volunteer involvement with city projects and the Northfield Women's Center, Dennis and Jeanette regularly connect with people from a wide variety of backgrounds and life experiences. While the nearby Minneapolis area provides many opportunities for outreach, ministry also brings unique challenges. The influence of two liberal arts colleges and a large metropolitan culture often presents perspectives that differ from a biblical worldview. Even so, Dennis and Jeanette remain committed to faithfully representing Christ, building authentic relationships, and helping others grow as disciples.

Their desire is to be a visible witness for Jesus in both their neighborhood and community, trusting God to open doors for spiritual conversations and opportunities to share the Gospel.

Prayer Requests

- Opportunities to be salt and light in their community
- Open doors to share Jesus with neighbors, students, and friends
- Wisdom in navigating faith conversations in today's culture
- Growth in discipleship and disciple-making relationships
- Continued effectiveness in community outreach and service



The Pagaragans

The Neighborhood Tokyo Japan

The Neighborhood has experienced an exciting and fruitful year of ministry in Japan. Through twice-monthly family English outreach events, the ministry regularly welcomes up to 30 non-Christian families at each gathering. Many families have attended consistently for several years, allowing meaningful relationships to develop and creating opportunities to share the love of Christ.

One encouraging highlight has been a father who recently requested a Bible so he could begin reading and studying God's Word at home. Moments like these are reminders that God continues to work through faithful relationship-building and community outreach.

In addition to family outreach, a significant portion of the ministry focuses on supporting the local young adult Christian community. The Neighborhood provides a welcoming environment for Bible studies, discipleship, worship gatherings, community meals, and fellowship. These opportunities help believers grow in their faith while building strong Christian friendships and support networks. The summer season brings many opportunities for ministry and outreach. Planned activities include a five-day English Kids Camp (VBS), youth camp leadership, two homestay programs hosting eight non-Christian Japanese families, young adult gatherings, and participation in the TEAM Japan Annual Conference. Alongside these special events, the ministry continues its regular schedule of English outreach programs, small groups, midweek gatherings, and community meals.

Prayer Requests

- *Spiritual growth for the father who recently received a Bible*
- *Opportunities to share Christ with families attending outreach events*
- *Growth and discipleship among young adults*
- *Health, energy, encouragement, and unity for the ministry team*
- *Fruitful outreach through camps, homestays, and community events*
- *Continued opportunities to build relationships that lead people to Christ*



Lois Pannabecker

Pannabecker Puppets Philippines



Although O'ahu remains home, Lois Pannabecker's primary ministry is based in Sariaya, Quezon Province, Philippines.

There she oversees Pannabecker Puppets LLC, a puppet manufacturing and training ministry located on a ranch in southern Luzon. The ministry provides employment opportunities and practical skills training while creating puppets that can be used for Christian education, outreach, and discipleship.

Working alongside Lisa Ching from Kalihi Union Church, a team of ten local workers receives training in craftsmanship, teamwork, and personal development. Beyond teaching practical skills, the ministry provides opportunities to share biblical truths, encourage spiritual growth, and invest in the lives of people from a nearby underserved barangay.

In addition to the puppet ministry, Lois leads Spiritual Freedom Workshops in partnership with Every Community for Christ Philippines, an OMS-affiliated ministry. These workshops help participants experience freedom in Christ, deepen their faith, and grow in spiritual maturity. During the past year, Jody Serikawa of KUC participated in one of these trainings in Hong Kong, helping extend the ministry's impact beyond the Philippines.

Lois is grateful for the faithful prayers, encouragement, and support she receives from Kalihi Union Church. She considers KUC an important ministry partner as she continues serving and equipping others through both practical and spiritual outreach.

Healing the Wounded Heart Hong Kong, February 2026



Prayer Requests

- Wisdom and discernment in leading the ministry
- Development of new training partnerships and ministry opportunities
- Equipping and training Filipino leaders and trainers
- Continued spiritual growth for workshop participants
- Open doors to share God's love through the puppet ministry
- Strength, provision, and encouragement for the ministry team



Pastor Chris Nayyir

*One in Christ Asian INTL Church
Pakistan*



For more than 25 years, Pastor Chris Nayyir has faithfully served the people of Pakistan through church planting, education, discipleship, and community outreach. Working under the umbrella of One in Christ Asian (INTL) Church, a ministry with roots in Hawai'i, he continues to share the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love in challenging circumstances.

Today, the ministry oversees 10 churches and 2 Life Building Educational Centers that provide children with educational opportunities, spiritual encouragement, and a foundation for future growth. Through these ministries, many individuals and families are hearing the message of Jesus Christ and being strengthened in their faith.

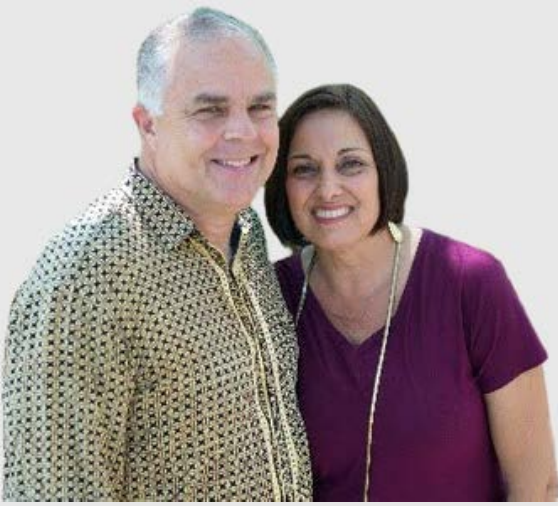


Serving in Pakistan presents many challenges. Political uncertainty, economic hardships, and religious persecution often create difficult conditions for Christians and ministry leaders. Despite these obstacles, Pastor Chris and his team remain committed to serving faithfully, trusting in God's protection, provision, and guidance. Through church services, discipleship programs, educational ministries, and community outreach, they seek to bring hope to those in need while encouraging believers to stand firm in their faith. The ministry is grateful for God's faithfulness over the past 25 years and for the partnership of churches and supporters who continue to pray for and encourage their work.



Prayer Requests

- *Peace and stability throughout Pakistan*
- *Protection and encouragement for persecuted Christians*
- *Continued growth and effectiveness of the 10 churches*
- *Blessings on the Life Building Educational Centers and the children they serve*
- *Wisdom, strength, and provision for Pastor Chris and ministry leaders*
- *Open hearts to receive the Gospel and grow in faith*



Rob and Linda Francis

YWAM Orlando & Asia Outreach



Rob and Linda Francis serve with Youth With A Mission (YWAM), focusing on strengthening churches, developing leaders, and reaching unreached people groups. Through mentoring and coaching ministry leaders across Asia, they help equip believers to make disciples and establish healthy, growing churches. One significant area of ministry is in Nepal, where two of their longtime mentees lead a church planting movement that now includes 78 fellowships. Twenty-five pastors gather regularly for biblical training and discipleship development, serving among nine unreached people groups. Rob and Linda have helped strengthen this ministry through coaching, organizational support, and leadership development. Recent pastors' conferences have been well attended and continue to equip leaders for effective ministry.

Rob recently visited an unreached Raji village in western Nepal. The Raji people have little access to the Gospel, and plans are underway to place a trained church-planting couple in the village. Rob and Linda are excited about the opportunity to see disciples made and new believers established among this unreached community.

In addition to their work in Asia, Linda continues to teach English and organize outreach events for international students at the University of Central Florida. Through friendships, hospitality, and ministry activities, they hope to see students grow interested in spiritual conversations and begin Bible studies.



Prayer Requests

- That pastors in Nepal effectively implement their training
- Successful outreach among the unreached Raji people
- Wisdom for Rob as he serves on ministry advisory boards
- Healing and strength for Linda's back
- A Bible study to begin among international students in Orlando
- Continued growth of church planting and discipleship efforts in Nepal



Robert Doe, MD

Light of Hope / Global



Dr. Robert Doe leads an international ministry focused on establishing Christ-centered wellness centers that integrate medical care, counseling, worship, healing prayer, and other health and human services. These centers are designed to address both physical and spiritual needs while demonstrating the love and healing power of Jesus Christ.

Over the past year, ministry teams have been organized in several locations, including Lancaster, Pennsylvania and Long Beach, California, where new wellness centers are currently being developed. Internationally, teams are also growing in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and Belém, Brazil. In February, Dr. Doe helped lead a four-day training seminar in Brazil followed by two days of medical clinics involving 30 healthcare professionals and leaders from 14 churches.

In Boston, he continues to train volunteers at Congregation Lion of Judah to minister to homeless individuals struggling with addiction. More than 150 churches are participating in this outreach effort. His training emphasizes the integration of medical care and healing prayer, equipping believers to minister to those seeking healing, freedom, and restoration.

Dr. Doe also serves internationally through teaching opportunities with YWAM counseling schools in Switzerland and by training physicians in Strasbourg, France. Through these efforts, he continues to invest in ministry leaders and healthcare professionals around the world.

Prayer Requests

- *Wisdom in establishing Christ-centered wellness centers*
- *Funding for legal, accounting, and startup expenses*
- *Unity among ministry teams and partner churches*
- *Successful launch of wellness centers in Pennsylvania and California*
- *Continued effectiveness in training ministry and medical leaders*
- *Open doors for healing, restoration, and Gospel impact worldwide*



Shangbu Lhomi

Nepal



Shangbu Lhomi serves among Tibetan Buddhist people groups in Nepal through Bible translation, language development, evangelism, discipleship, and church ministry. In addition to serving as pastor of a daughter church established two years ago, he works to make Scripture accessible in local languages and communicate God's Word in ways that are meaningful and understandable to oral learners.

Currently, Shangbu and his team are ministering among 12 Tibetan Buddhist people groups throughout Nepal.

Their ministry focuses on translating Scripture, developing written language systems, and using Gospel Storying to share biblical truth. During the past year, they published the books of Luke and Acts, along with portions of Proverbs, in several minority languages in both written and audio formats, helping make God's Word available to communities that previously had little or no access to Scripture.

The ministry also includes outreach visits to remote mountain communities, evangelism efforts, discipleship training, and encouragement for local churches. Through mission training, local believers are becoming more actively involved in ministry and outreach, helping extend the Gospel's impact within their own communities and people groups.

Despite challenges such as difficult travel conditions, language barriers, and occasional resistance to the Gospel, God continues to work. Shangbu reports that people are coming to faith in Jesus Christ, and local believers are growing in their commitment to serve the Lord and share the Gospel with others.

Prayer Requests

- Wisdom and spiritual guidance for Shangbu and his family
- Growth and maturity for new believers
- Open doors for the Gospel throughout Nepal
- Hearts prepared to receive God's Word among Tibetan Buddhist communities
- Continued progress in Bible translation and language development
- Strength and protection for ministry teams serving in remote areas



Gary Myers

Banaba House Ministries Philippines



Gary Myers continues to serve through community outreach, discipleship, and neighborhood-based ministry among families, children, and young adults. His ministry focuses on building relationships that create opportunities to share the love of Christ and help people grow in faith.

One of the most encouraging developments this year has been the continued growth of the Neighborhood Kids Outreach program. What began as a summer initiative to connect with local families has resulted in more than 15 children regularly attending Sunday School, while five mothers have joined a monthly Mothers Fellowship. Several children also participate in weekly family fellowship meals, where they are learning about Jesus and becoming positive influences within their own homes.

The ministry is also launching a men's discipleship house for young adults, focusing on spiritual maturity, leadership development, and life skills. This program will help equip future Christian leaders while providing accountability, mentoring, and discipleship.

Another growing area of ministry is the Community Orientation and Immersion program. Gary and his team host youth and college student groups from San Mateo and De La Salle University, helping them learn about urban poor communities and explore practical ways to serve. These partnerships are expected to continue and expand in the future.

Summer ministry activities include a Mothers Mini Retreat, a three-day Youth Camp, neighborhood basketball training, children's Bible classes, and simple church gatherings. Guided by John 1:14, the ministry seeks to bring Christ into the neighborhood and nurture hearts one home at a time.



Prayer Requests

- Continued growth among children and families involved in outreach
- Success of the new men's discipleship house
- Spiritual growth and leadership development for young adults
- Fruitful partnerships with visiting youth and college teams
- Wisdom and strength as they continue neighborhood ministry

Ross and Hisako Yamauchi

*Hope Chapel West Tokyo
Tokyo Japan*

Ross and Hisako Yamauchi serve at Hope Chapel West Tokyo, where they are committed to strengthening believers and sharing the love of Christ in Japan. This past year has been a season of challenge, healing, and renewed faith for their church family.

At the beginning of 2025, Hope Chapel experienced the unexpected departure of an associate pastor and worship leader. For a small congregation, the impact was significant and required a season of adjustment and recovery. Through God's faithfulness, however, the church has weathered the transition and emerged with a renewed commitment to trust the Lord and serve together.

As the church adapted to new responsibilities, members stepped forward to serve in unfamiliar areas of ministry. Ross and Hisako also discovered that simple acts of hospitality, including shared meals during the winter months, became important opportunities for prayer, encouragement, fellowship, and spiritual healing within the congregation.

One highlight this year was the church's first barbecue outreach since the pandemic. The event welcomed new guests and strengthened relationships within the community. Several of Ross's former high school students, now attending college, participated in church activities for the first time. After more than 30 years in education, seeing students connect with the Body of Christ was a special blessing and encouragement. Despite challenges, Hope Chapel West Tokyo continues moving forward in faith, seeking to be a witness for Christ and a place where people can experience God's love, grace, and hope.



Prayer Requests

- Continued healing, unity, and growth within the church
- Wisdom and strength for Ross and Hisako
- New opportunities for outreach and discipleship
- Spiritual growth for new visitors and young adults
- Love, patience, resilience, and faithfulness for the congregation

Paul and Carol Suzuki

*SEND International
Japan / Asia*



Paul and Carol Suzuki serve with SEND International in Japan, where they are dedicated to church planting, discipleship, leadership development, and community outreach. Together they seek to strengthen the Church in Japan while sharing the hope of Jesus Christ with people from many different backgrounds.

Paul currently serves as SEND's Asia Regional Director (ARD), providing leadership, encouragement, and support to missionaries serving throughout Asia. In addition to his regional responsibilities, he also assists with Tokorozawa Megumi Kyokai (TMK), a SEND church plant that is reaching people in the local community.

Carol ministers through English Bible classes held in their home, where Japanese, Chinese, Taiwanese, and Filipino participants gather to study Scripture and build meaningful friendships. She also helps at TMK, organizes a monthly luncheon for older women in their city, and disciples and mentors Japanese mothers, encouraging them to grow in their relationship with Christ.

Their ministry is built on faithful relationships, hospitality, and consistent Gospel witness. Through Bible studies, fellowship, and personal mentoring, Paul and Carol desire to see more people place their trust in Jesus and become active members of the local church.



Prayer Requests

- Wisdom for Paul as he serves as temporary country leader for SEND Thailand
- That God would provide the right person to lead the Thailand ministry
- That Japanese, Chinese, Taiwanese, and Filipino friends would place their faith in Christ
- Perseverance and patience in faithfully sharing the Gospel
- Dependence on God's wisdom, strength, and grace in every area of ministry

How to Pray for Our Missionaries

God invites each of us to participate in His mission by praying for those who serve around the world. Here are several important ways you can pray for our missionaries:

Pray for Open Doors

Ask God to open doors for ministry, relationships, and Gospel conversations. Pray that missionaries will be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit and recognize opportunities to share Christ with those whose hearts are ready to receive His Word.

Colossians 4:2-3

Pray for Boldness

Missionaries face fears, challenges, and opposition just like everyone else. Pray that God will give them courage, wisdom, and the right words to communicate the Gospel clearly across cultures and languages.

Ephesians 6:19

Pray for the Spread of God's Word

Pray that the Gospel will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it is proclaimed. Ask God to remove obstacles, strengthen His servants, and bring many people to faith in Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:1

Pray for Protection

Many missionaries serve in difficult or spiritually challenging environments. Pray for God's protection, provision, and peace as they serve.

2 Thessalonians 3:2

Pray for Effective Ministry

Ask God to produce lasting fruit through their efforts. Pray that seeds planted will grow into transformed lives and thriving churches.

John 15:5

Pray for Travel and Refreshment

Many missionaries travel frequently and face physical, emotional, and spiritual demands. Pray for safe travel, renewed strength, meaningful fellowship, and times of rest.

Matthew 11:28-30

How you can get involved with Missions at KUC

Pray - Continue to pray everyday for KUC missionaries serving here in the United States or abroad.

Care/Support - Join an 'Ohana group and adopt a KUC missionary. Learn how you can help support your missionary: financially, by writing them letters, by helping take care of them when they are on furlough or reporting trips, or looking ahead with them to anticipate future vision needs.

Called to Go - Talk with a KUC pastor or Missions Committee member about serving on a short-term mission trip. Explore your calling to lifelong missions!

