# MISSIONS UPDATE

"Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" 1 Corinthians 15:58

# **A SEASON OF RESURRECTION**

Easter reminds us that to resurrect something means to bring to life what has died. Death has to come first for life to begin! As our missionaries navigate this unprecedented time, our support helps them to offer hope and everlasting life labor that bears fruit in this life and beyond.



JOHN BERNARD UNITED WORLD MISSION (SC)

Before shutdown, one of John's last trips was to a Cuban Bible school to celebrate 80 years of UWM ministry in the Communist country! Though regular travel around the world to equip ministry leaders and collaborate with partners has shifted completely online, John sees God working at every turn, and a new hunger for the Lord from people around the world.

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## SHARON CARLSON INT'L ACCELERATED MISSION (NY)

Sharon dedicates herself to connecting the Capital Region of New York with various strategic movements across the state and country to foster corporate prayer and shepherd revival. Preparations for prayer and worship gatherings were extensive before COVID, but communication and technology have become even more critical.



## FRED STOLL SIM INT'L (RETIRED, FL)

Fred spends his retirement dedicated to inmate ministry, which has only recently started up again with restrictions. His long career yielded much fruit, like Tony (above), the former Muslim he helped to disciple in Africa in the 1970s who later became an evangelist himself. Fred's son, Jonathan, felt called to serve as well and is heading to Bolivia with his family.

> EAST GLENVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Interested in learning more about evangelism but unsure where to begin? Fulltime missionaries are not the only ones called to share Jesus with the world! There are many tips and tools to better manage spiritual conversations with friends, family, and coworkers. Email missions\_board@egcchurch.org for info!

# **PRAYER NEEDS & PRAISES**

Please join us in prayer for the needs identified below and in thanksgiving for those prayers that have been answered. Our missionaries are making an impact for the Kingdom of God and our support is not just limited to financial contributions. Prayers can move mountains and we appreciate you taking a moment to consider them specifically. May God continue to breath life into each individual so they have the stamina to confront challenges head-on!

#### All our Missionaries:

- That they be reminded daily that God has a purpose for all things and that He is using them as instruments to carry out His will.
- That Spring be a time of significant growth for them personally as well as for the Kingdom of God.
- Praise for their ability to adapt during COVID and for sacrifices they have made in this difficult season.

#### John & Melinda Bernard:

- Prayers for wisdom and peace as travel restrictions begin to lift.
- Praise that ministry can continue no matter the obstacles.

#### Sharon Carlson:

- Prayers for wisdom and direction as her responsibilities increase with leading intercession efforts both locally and nationally.
- Praise for her recent engagement to be married!

#### Fred Stoll:

- Encouragement as prison/jail ministry slowly reopens to video teaching and prayer that in-person worship services follow soon.
- Prayers for physical strength and health.
- Praising God for "the return on EGCC's investment" meaning that our prayers and support over the years bore fruit that we cannot see, but that he assures us is very real.

The next installment of the Missions Update will share news from different supported missionaries. In the meantime, be on the lookout for select digital content that we will periodically share with the congregation to better connect you to our supported ministries.

"ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO GIVE AN ANSWER TO EVERYONE WHO ASKS YOU TO GIVE THE REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT YOU HAVE" 1 PETER 3:15

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