

MISSIONS UPDATE

*"Children are a gift from the Lord;
they are a reward from Him."
Psalms 127:3*

WHAT ABOUT THE YOUTH?

We believe that investing in our youth is essential for the future of the Church. We are privileged to introduce two local missionaries that we are considering supporting as they serve area youth and work diligently to turn young hearts and minds towards the Lord. Additionally, we are featuring a supported missionary serving in college ministry in NYS.



AARON BATKAY
BURNT HILLS (YOUNG LIFE)

Aaron is an Area Director for Young Life. A Capital Region native, he has been involved with YL for most of his life and has a deep desire to show area youth the heart of Jesus. His focus is to equip leaders to manage established ministries in and around Burnt Hills and also grow the YL presence in nearby areas. He firmly believes that building personal relationships is the best way to reach unbelievers!




ARTHUR FENNICKS
SCHENECTADY (YOUTH FOR CHRIST)

Arthur is the new Director for YFC's Schenectady CityLife ministry, where his focus is providing a safe haven for urban youth by running Christian clubs, small groups, and programming. Once one of the statistics he is now fighting to save, Arthur found hope and healing in Jesus and YFC. His background offers unique insight into the diverse population he serves.



PAUL & NANETTE HOLT
POTSDAM (INTERVARSITY)

Paul, son of EGCC's Miriam Holt, has served college students in NY's North Country for many years with InterVarsity, with a particular focus on international students. To close out the academic year, he recently reported program success through prayer retreats; hospitality & care packages; coaching & mentoring; and achieving deeper small group connections with students.



We will be holding a special congregational meeting to formally approve the candidates, whom are collectively endorsed by the Missions Board, Elders, and Pastor. If you have specific questions that you would like addressed that would help you cast your vote, please let us know at missions_board@egcchurch.org

PRAYER NEEDS & PRAISES

Thank you for taking the time to learn about these specific missionaries. Please honor them with your prayers and thanksgivings in response to the below information. EGCC is blessed to do our part in fulfilling the Great Commission and spreading the Gospel around the world and here at home - both by supporting active missionaries at home and abroad and by continuing to support them in retirement as appreciation for their service.

All our Missionaries:

- That participation rebounds post-COVID and multiplies
- That they find fresh creative ways to connect with young minds
- That they find quiet time to seek guidance and be renewed

Aaron & Kelsie Batkay:

- Prayers to grow and develop ministry teams in Saratoga County
- Prayers to bless seeds of a potential outreach in Albany
- Prayers for discernment around prioritization and balance
- Praise for their newborn, Eleanor; for completing grad school; and for growing friendships with Nick Feliciano and the Reeds

Arthur Fennicks:

- Prayers to pave the way for new program initiatives
- Prayers to bridge the gap for additional financial support
- Prayers for grandmother (surrogate mother) battling cancer
- Praise that programming was sustained during COVID

Paul & Nanette Holt:

- Prayers that summer provides needed rest and rejuvenation
- Prayers that seeds sown over this past year sprout and take root
- Prayers for Nanette and daughter Hannah through transitions
- Praising God that in-person gathering was allowed at year's end

We look forward to providing you these Missions Updates and will continue to seek opportunities to better connect you to our supported ministries and the ways that missions funding is furthering the Kingdom of God.

"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO; EVEN WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT." PROVERBS 22:6