



CATCH THE VISION

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Proverbs 29:18

**Heath Church of Christ
Mission Faith Promise
April 17, 2016**

51st Annual Missions Faith Promise

**Heath Church of Christ Missions Giving
1962-Present:**

Over \$2,585,000!

2016-2017 Theme

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2016-2017 Goal

June 2016 through May 2017

\$100,000

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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 spring, 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 provides several advantages:

1. It allows HCC to give consistently to the various mission works she supports (see list on page 7).
2. It provides people who have a passion for mission work a convenient way to give to missions.
3. It offers 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 seven 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 - What is our Faith Promise goal for this year?

A - Our goal for the 2016-2017 Faith Promise year is \$100,000. Offering envelopes are available each Sunday so individuals can keep up-to-date on their Faith Promise commitment. The new Faith Promise year begins in June and runs through May.

Current Missions Committee Members

Anna Breen - Team Member
Josh Busic—Chair
Jeff Coombe—Treasurer
Kelvin Ellinger—Team Member
Tim Finck—Team Member
Matthew Frenton—Vice Chair
Aaron Kelly—Team Member
Sheila Klontz—Secretary
Tom Koon—Team Member
Marilyn Lees—Team Member
David Linn—Minister
Dave Mason - Minister
Todd Mount—Elder
Melissa Quitter—Team Member
Greg Robbins—Minister
Bob Smith - Assistant Treasurer
Kathy Smith - Team Member
Linda Wilkins - Assistant Secretary
Carole Wright - Team Member

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 on the second Wednesday of every month. During these meetings, each mission is reviewed for current updates and special requests. As part of 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:

David and Donna Linn, Caracas, Venezuela Team Expansion	17.25%
Christian Children’s Home of Ohio	10.50%
Cincinnati Christian University	10.50%
Kentucky Christian University	9%
Dr. Leonard and Pam Thompson, Chennai, India Strategic World Evangelism	8%
TCM International - Training Christians for Ministry in Europe & Central Asia	7%
Dr. Zindoga Bungu - Mashoko Hospital As He Is USA	7%
Global Seeds (contact information withheld for family safety)	7%
Ernesto and Olga Fuentes World Wide Hispanic Outreach	4%
Windward Islands School of Evangelism	3%
Jeff and Laura Wilhoit Pioneer Bible Translators	3.5%
Ginny Andrews, Invest Hope, Haiti	3.25%

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 7 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.

Special Gifts during this mission year have included:

Mission to Muslims

TCM International

World Wide Hispanic Outreach

Windward Islands School of Evangelism

Jeff & Denee Lees (mission trip to Bosnia)

Pioneer Bible Translators

Cincinnati Christian University

Designated Gifts from Members of the Congregation:

As He Is, USA—Mashoko Hospital, Zimbabwe, Nurses Training

Our Missionaries

A missionary is one who has been 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 is currently supporting through 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 our Faith Promise program and through your prayers.

Team Expansion

Misión Cristiana de Venezuela

David and Donna Linn

David & Donna Linn have been serving in the country of Venezuela for almost 30 years. After an internship in 1986, they did language training in Costa Rica and then reentered the field full-time in 1989. Along with other Team Expansion missionaries,



God has blessed their efforts. Today there are currently:

- 25 churches & new works functioning.
- Annual 'Vision 2020 Congress' uniting all churches.
- Potter's Inn Camp constructed (currently closed temporarily due to vandalism).
- Bible Institute preparing up and coming leadership.
- Venezuelan missionaries serving in North Africa and Spain.
- Nearly 300 baptisms annually.

The ministry base for the Linn's changed to Indianapolis, IN in 2010 for family reasons. However in 2014, they returned to Venezuela where David serves as the Executive Director to the mission and team leader. His primary duties include coordination of activities related to the Bible institute, camp, annual congress and mission activity. His passion is time spent training and mentoring leaders as well as casting vision.

The churches of Venezuela are pursuing an ambitious goal of establishing 120 churches inside and out of the country by the year 2020, called Vision 2020. This aim has three stages, 1) opening 1200 'Points of light' (small reproducible Christian groups in unreached areas) 2) 120 churches gathering the fruit from these points of light, 3) 12 mentors who will help supervise the process.

In June of 2016, David is scheduled to assume the preaching position with the Heath Church of Christ. In addition to serving the local church, he hopes to continue involvement in the developing work of Venezuela as well as a similar project unfolding in the United States.

Thank you for your gracious support and prayers over 30 years!

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Christian Children's Home of Ohio



The Christian Children's Home of Ohio (CCHO) began 50 years ago and continues to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus to children and families in northeast and central Ohio. The caring staff serve at-risk, neglected and abused kids. Parents and families

also have access to counseling and home-based services with the ultimate goal of reuniting children with their families whenever possible.

This non-profit ministry employs 150 staff and utilizes hundreds of volunteers for collection drives, youth ministry, mentoring, campus workdays, mailings, and other functions. CCHO volunteers gave 6,000 hours of their time in 2015. The Children's Home has several major fund-raising events throughout the year including a 5K Run, Hope Gala, Great Grill-Off and Golf Classic.

CCHO's professional programs and services are open to individuals and families and they include:

- Children's Residential Center (located on their 165-acre Wooster campus)
- Encompass Christian Counseling (11 offices in Ohio)
- Encompass Foster Care and Adoption
- Encompass Home-based Services & parenting classes
- Team building & leadership skill training at Poplar Ridge Adventures
- Equine-assisted therapy at Poplar Ridge Stables- (stable, trails & indoor arena)
- CCHO-affiliated Children's Residential Center "Esperanza de Ana" (Hannah's Hope) and home-based program in Chilca, Peru

By God's gracious provision, this past fiscal year, CCHO was able to retire all of their long-term debt. They recently received accreditation from ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability) which means they are meeting established standards for financial accountability, transparency, fundraising, and board governance.



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Settled high atop a hill overlooking Cincinnati, Ohio, CCU is committed to providing an excellent educational, spiritual, and social experience for each student. As they go out into the world, graduates bring a Christ-like perspective to their home, their workplace, and their community. CCU provides a well-rounded education as our students are challenged by an incredible faculty, and engaged in a world that is waiting for them. CCU develops students into selfless, well-rounded leaders who follow Christ and positively impact their community, country and world.

CCU's core values are 1. Faith: We trust that The Lord is involved in our lives daily, in every circumstance. 2. Integrity We do what's right, even when it's not the easiest course of action. 3. Excellence: We give our best to everything we do. 4. Unity We value each student, faculty member, and staff person.

Throughout its generations of service, Cincinnati Christian University has sought to provide "scholarship in an atmosphere of faith"—educating men and women to understand the Scriptures and minister in the name of Jesus in the church and in the world. With nearly ten thousand graduates and approximately twenty thousand who have attended, CCU has trained a high percentage of the ministers, missionaries and para-church leaders among the Restoration Movement churches and organizations, thousands of other church leaders, as well as individuals who serve the Lord faithfully in the public marketplace—in business, education, and other careers—and as volunteers in the church. The scope of CCU's influence is genuinely worldwide: CCU alumni have served in all fifty states and in at least seventy-one countries around the globe.

The HCC missions committee currently gives 10.5% of the funds collected for missions to CCU. This makes us one of the 70 partner churches that are supporting CCU's Christian based education. This also enables full time students who are active members of HCC to receive a tuition scholarship of up to \$3000 per year (\$1500 per semester).

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Kentucky Christian University

The mission of Kentucky Christian University is to educate students for Christian leadership and service in the church and in professions throughout the world.

KCU has been around for 97 years. Traditional majors including Church Ministry, Education, Music and have been expanded recently to include Social Work, Pre-Law, Business Administration, Nursing, Pre-Medical Professional, and a graduate program that continues to educate vocational ministers and nurses with more graduate degrees being added in the near future.

KCU integrates a Bible core into every primary course of study. This intentional focus on Biblical studies uniquely equips students to make a significant difference for Christ in a fast and ever-changing world. Small classes and one-on-one personal attention from professors whose primary responsibility is to teach, guide, and mentor each student, creates an excellent learning environment for academic achievement, character development and growth. KCU offers 18 Bachelors (with multiple emphases) and four Master's Degree programs through eight different schools.

KCU has a long tradition of champions in the NCCAA II. Teams have racked a total of 96 tournament wins, with 23 of those being National Championship wins in women's and men's basketball and women's and men's soccer. Academics and spiritual formation remain the primary emphases of the athletic programs. Coaches are dedicated to instilling leadership qualities and character development in each of their respective programs. KCU now has football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's archery, men's and women's cross country, women's softball and cheerleading with golf and bowling teams to be added soon.

Heath Church of Christ is a Covenant Church with KCU. Every student that comes from Heath Church of Christ receives a Covenant Church Scholarship that applies toward their tuition. We are always grateful for churches like Heath Church of Christ who understand the significant role that Christian higher education plays in the hearts and mind of students. KCU, along with our other Christian schools, cannot exist without your love and support. Please continue to pray for us as we navigate through the 21st century and the challenges we face.

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Strategic World Evangelism

Leonard and Pam Thompson

WHO WE ARE: Dr. Leonard and Pam Thompson founded and continue to lead SWE, a seed planting ministry based out of Chennai, India. "We proclaim the Gospel widely over all Asia and elsewhere, believing that the seed must FIRST be sown for it to take root and fruit." (Luke 8: 1 1)

WHAT WE ARE DOING

- **The Divine Connection.** This TV broadcast first aired in March of 2007. It is now seen on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights on Tamizhan, Subhavaartha and Subhsandash channels in 4 languages (English, Mmdi, Tamil 6 Tetagu) with local church and correspondence course follow up.
- **The Divine Connection Facebook Page** promotes the TV broadcast to those that are unreachable by other means.
- **Church, Sunday School, Mission Team Seminars** on *What do you know about Islam?*
- **The Home for the Aged**, a benevolent home, provides security and comfort to our older community with no means of familial support. It has a small population and will soon house the offices of SWE. There is a real family spirit and a church service is already taking place on the premises. This cup of cold water in His name is preaching the Word louder than any sermon.
- New website at **messagesfromtheguru.com** offers online correspondence courses.
- Regular teaching at **Lakeview Bible College** (founded by Leonard Thompson) along with Preaching/teaching commitments throughout Asia and beyond.
- **The ChristIndian**, a bi-monthly publication with Dr. Thompson as chief editor.

In addition, SWE has planted churches in Chennai, Goa, Calcutta, Assam, Poonamalle and Thirulnelvi. They operated a shortwave radio program for 30 years, the impetus for their effective correspondence courses. And they founded the All India Convention, a yearly gathering of Christians in India, which still continues and grows.



WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR US

- Pray with and for us - for guidance and wisdom from God and for more doors to be opened for the Gospel to enter.
- Share with us in financial support.
- Come and visit us.

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Developing Christian leaders for significant service



For nearly sixty years TCM has been dedicated to training and equipping Christian leaders to go out and reach their own people with the saving message of Jesus Christ.

TCM began in Canada in 1957 to encourage and support the persecuted believers behind the Iron Curtain. To help Christians in other communist countries and to grow the ministry it was determined that it would be expedient to have a base in Eastern Europe. God provided a wonderful property in the Vienna Woods about one half hour out of Vienna, Austria.

It is absolutely amazing how God has provided and the ministry has developed. The facility in Austria has a main house which is called Haus Edelweiss to which classrooms have been added for university classes to be held. The Cow and Horse barns have been restored and remodeled for students housing and a library. TCM is an accredited university with a thousand students enrolled in certificate and advanced degree programs and with over five hundred graduates. In addition to the classes held at The Haus professors conduct twenty four different classes on-site in fifteen different countries. In all, students from 43 different countries have studied at TCMI.

Training Christian leaders at the Haus and on-site instead of training missionaries here in the United States to go to Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East has several advantages. Considerable money is saved in travel expenses and they already know the language and culture. Because much of the work on their studies can be accomplished on the internet they maintain a network of contacts in their own community which is helpful in developing or continuing a ministry.

Your support enables TCM to take Christ to the Millions, one prayer at a time.



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Mashoko Christian Hospital

Dr. Zindoga & Dinah Bungu

Mashoko Christian Hospital (As He Is Zimbabwe) exists to preach the Gospel to those who seek treatment there. They seek to provide the best health care possible to patients so that they may see and experience Jesus's compassion and praise Him.

Mashoko Christian Hospital includes a school of nursing to train and educate future nurses on site. The school began due to a shortage of nursing staff to care for the amount of patients needing physical and spiritual care.



Dr Zindoga & Dina Bungu

Dr Zindoga Bungu, the medical doctor at Mashoko, and his wife Dinah have led the ministry for 27 years. Dr Bungu himself was led to Christ through this mission and he continues the tradition of providing Christ like care and healing.

Mashoko is a fully equipped medical facility with an operating room. There is now a housing facility on the property that houses pregnant women, children, and critically ill patients. Daily challenges at Mashoko include malaria, AIDS, diarrhea, eye disease, malnutrition, and wounds. Environmental challenges have currently been underscored by persistent drought.

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.

Mashoko Christian Hospital and As He Is Zimbabwe:

- Provides treatment for over 60,000 people a year.
- Delivers over 200 babies a month.
- Performs over 60 baptisms a year.
- Has a fully functioning operating room that provides over 2,000 life saving surgeries a year.
- Has trained more than a thousand nurses and has sponsored the training of two doctors at the local medical school.



Hospital Ward

Dr. Zindoga Bungu and his wife Dinah were married at Heath Church of Christ. Zindoga interned with the church during the time he was attending Cincinnati Christian University, forming a lifelong relationship with our church. The Bungus have grown children that live in the Cincinnati area with their families. Their son David attended Cincinnati Christian University.

It is important to remember that Christianity in Africa has grown due to efforts such as this. Because of this hospital there is hope available to all that are weary and in need of spiritual, emotional, and physical healing.

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Outreach to Muslims

Reaching out to Muslim peoples from throughout the Middle East

Outreach to Muslims is an international missions group responsible for the teaching of the Word of Christ to people of the Muslim faith. They have been responsible for the teaching of the Gospel in countries primarily in the Middle East. Through this mission group, Bibles and New Testaments have been provided in Arabic languages to people in many different Arabic countries.

A mission trip to the United Arab Emirates was conducted in 2015 and successfully opened the hearts of many Muslim believers and created the opportunity for them to hear the Word of Christ. The trip took place 1st quarter 2015. Another trip is being planned for late 2016, early 2017, but with the volatility of the Middle East, it has been hard to plan. Prayers are requested that doors may be opened leading to another trip overseas soon.

Currently, this group is responsible for the teaching of Christ to Muslim students at colleges throughout Central and Western Ohio. Many hearts have been opened and questions raised about Christ and His message of salvation through these meetings. Prayers are requested for this mission and for the students of whom hear the Word.

Contact information is available for this family only upon request through the mission team.

World Wide Hispanic Outreach

Ernesto & Olga Fuentes



Ernesto and Olga started their ministry in the intercity of Saltillo, Mexico in 1968. They have 3 sons, Abdiel, Esly and Arely who are all serving in ministry.

In 1974 God used Ernesto to start the first of two bible colleges in Mexico. From those two Mexico now has more than 300 new preachers.

In addition to the leading, teaching, preaching and writing bible school curriculum the Fuentes operate and oversee a camp/retreat center. Ground was broken for Praise Valley Camp on January 27, 2006 and the first camp was held in April 2006. The camp consists of a coordinator's house, dormitory that can house 64 people, dining room, chapel, 3 swimming pools and baseball/soccer field. Two more dormitories are planned. HCC has sent two teams to help build Praise Valley Camp.

Ernesto and Olga's long time dreams of having a medical/dental clinic came true in February of 2009 when the first clinic opened in the rural farming village of la Biznaga. The clinic serves several surrounding villages. Dr. Esly Fuentes, Ernesto's son, runs the clinic. In July 2009 Ernesto's prayers were answered again when the government provided for a pharmacy on the retreat property.

In August 2010 the Praise Valley Senior Home opened to give the elderly a place to live rather than in crowded conditions with families in 2-room homes. There they can get nutritious food, have a caregiver to assist with basic needs in a safe environment, and most of all will be taught about Christ.

Over the past 14 years Ernesto and Olga have planted and continue to mentor nine churches in Mexico: two in Saltillo, one in Monterrey, one in Biznaga and five in Tabasco, also have planted two churches in the United States as well as planting, overseeing and mentoring 60 home churches in Cuba.

Ernesto and Olga both lead on-going Bible classes to train others to become Christian leaders in their communities so they in turn will lead others to Christ.

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WISE Bible College

Brice and Amanda Wurdeman



Bob and Jackie Muter went to Jamaica as missionaries in 1974 where the need for trained national leadership for the churches became very apparent to them. They began Windward Islands School of Evangelism in St. Lucia in 1979. After one term, the school was

moved to St. Vincent. In 2011, Brice and Amanda Wurdeman were appointed as the current Directors for the college (Amanda is the granddaughter of Bob and Jackie Muter). Previously, the Wurdeman's had served in Haiti for five years and moved to St. Vincent in January 2012.

In 2013, WISE began pursuing an opportunity to start a satellite campus in Barbados. The satellite campus was the door God opened to pursue something much bigger, which was the relocation of the school from its home in St. Vincent. The largest class for WISE of 27 students, was at the satellite campus in Barbados.

On August 25, 2015 WISE moved to the new 6 acre campus located in Fortescue, Barbados. This campus was previously a Baptist Bible College. While the campus grounds and buildings needed a lot of work to be fully operational, there were many blessings left behind by the Baptist College that have greatly assisted WISE; a fully stocked library, beds, tables, chairs, desks and kitchen equipment. WISE has been assisted by many churches, including the Heath Church of Christ, to get the campus ready to open the doors to those eager to obtain their degree and teach others of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

WISE has produced 141 graduates coming from eight different countries in the Caribbean region. Graduates currently minister in approximately 60 churches in 14 different countries and are involved in ministries ranging from primary preaching and teaching positions to pre-school administration. In addition to the on-campus program, WISE assists its graduates with advanced classes, evangelistic efforts, counseling and encouragement, through retreats, classes, evangelistic meetings and programs and personal visits in their various countries.

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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 also 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 with their two children, Kayla and Eric, whom Laura homeschools.

The Wilhoits have published about half of the Bible in the Toma language, most recently the books of Genesis-2 Samuel. They continue to work with their co-translator, Pastor Jeremie, to complete the entire Bible. Pastor Jeremie also oversees several Scripture reading groups among the Toma people.

Jeff's primary responsibility is implementing the vision and strategies of Pioneer Bible Translators. His many roles include providing leadership to the IT, media, and support services departments, developing partnerships with other mission organizations to accelerate the task of Bible translation, providing security advice and training for Pioneer Bible Translators missionaries, and overseeing plans for two new buildings in Dallas from which to recruit, train, and send the next generation of Bible translators to start and finish 250 translation projects by 2050.



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Invest Hope, Haiti

Ginny Andrews and David Barreau

What is Invest Hope? We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization focused on providing economic development, increased household incomes, employment generation, and improved standards of living in Haiti. We are donor-funded credit through charitable and fundraising methods, aimed at alleviating extreme poverty through credit, savings, education, and skilled training. Specializing in non-commercial finance, progressive loans focusing on small-scale clients that are primarily engaging in the service industry, to alleviate physical needs, with Christian teaching and education to fulfill spiritual needs.

Our Goals: Loans are used to develop enterprises and increase incomes with improved economies of scale, greater access to working capital, and lower risk. Through the use of character-based lending with high rates of return, it is possible to offer other financial and non-financial services such as loans, savings for education, skilled training, and biblical principles in how the Lord's plan is for families.

Our loans are given to clients interested in starting or improving a business. An initial loan is given with a clear repayment plan, with the option of borrowing for improvement upon repayment. Clients are selected based on their character, investments, risk tolerance, and willingness to repay. With each loan, Invest Hope provides clients with a basic business knowledge of their desired profession and the drive to operate this business, leaving the client with a sense of responsibility.

Ginny lived in Haiti full time from 2009 until 2015. Raised in Newark, Ohio, she graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. She resides in Newark with her husband, David, their daughter, Odessa and sons, Omri and Olan. Ginny began doing medical work in Haiti but when faced with the orphan crisis, switched her focus to keeping families together. While residing in the US currently, Ginny and David make frequent trips to Haiti. David just returned from a 4 week construction trip in March and Ginny spent 4 weeks summer of 2015 working on site.



**Founders—Ginny
Andrews & David
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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)

Our Faith Promise Speaker

Dr. David Roadcup is Professor of Discipleship and Global Outreach Representative for TCM International in Indianapolis, IN. He has been in ministry for over 48 years. Besides youth ministries, senior/preaching ministries and college/seminary teaching through the years, Dr. Roadcup has authored numerous articles, three books and is presently tri-authoring a series of six books on the eldership of the church. He is a graduate of Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln, IL (B.A. in Christian Ministries), Cincinnati Christian University, Cincinnati, Ohio (M.A. in Pastoral Counseling) and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL (D. Min in Christian Ministries). He has spoken in 37 states and 12 foreign countries. As one of the founding members of the men's ministry - Promise Keepers - he served on the Board of Directors for 11 years. In 2001, he was on the summer Promise Keepers Speaking Team. He is presently on the Board of Directors of Christ in Youth in Joplin, Missouri (C.I.Y.) and the Board of Directors of Christian Arabic Services (C.A.S.). He has been married to Karen for 48 years. Dave and Karen have two married daughters and four grandchildren. He is Adjunct Professor in the Seminary at Cincinnati Christian University and Adjunct Professor in the D Min Program at Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln, IL. Dave works in the areas of church growth and health, evangelism, spiritual formation and leadership in the church. His great passion lies in discipling believers and helping Christians grow to deeper levels in their personal walk with Jesus Christ.



Sofia, Bulgaria



Dr. David Roadcup



Khabarovsk, Russia

