

Give Jesus



Give Hope

And his name will be the hope of all the world.
Matthew 12:21 (NLT)

HEATH CHURCH OF CHRIST

MISSIONS FAITH PROMISE

APRIL 23 & 30, 2017

**52st Annual
Missions Faith Promise**

April 23 & 30, 2017

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

Over \$2,665,000!

2017-2018 Theme

**Give Jesus
Give Hope**

2017-2018 Goal

June 2017 through May 2018

\$110,000

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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:

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 - What is our Faith Promise goal for this year?

A - *Our goal for the 2017-2018 Faith Promise year is \$110,000.* Offering envelopes are available each Sunday to help 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
Molly Busic—Team Member
Jeff Coombe—Treasurer
Kelvin Ellinger—Assistant Chair
Tim Finck—Team Member
Matthew Frenton—Chairperson
Cheri Hottinger—Team Member
David Linn—Minister
Bryan Long—Team Member
Marilyn Long—Team Member
Danny Madden—Team Member
Todd Mount—Elder
Bob Norris—Team Member
Melissa Quitter—Team Member
Michael Sealock—Team Member
Kathy Smith—Assistant Secretary
Linda Wilkins—Secretary

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 Tunisia-Alfred & Tamara	4%
*Team Expansion Spain-Gabriel and Barbara Ayala	4%
*Team Expansion Spain-Gabriela Balestrini	4%
*Canvas Nottingham-Joel & Tabby Borton	4%
Christian Children's Home of Ohio	7%
Cincinnati Christian University	8%
Kentucky Christian University	8%
Strategic World Evangelism Chennai, India	6%
TCM International	10%
As He Is USA-Dr. Zindoga Bungu	5%
Endeavor Ministries	7%
World Wide Hispanic Outreach-Ernesto and Olga Fuentes	6.5%
WISE Bible College	8%
Pioneer Bible Translators-Jeff & Laura Wilhoit	5%
Ginny Andrews-Invest Hope, Haiti	3.25%

*New missions added to replace David & Donna Linn, who we had supported for approximately 30 years during their work in Venezuela.

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:

- CMF Joel & Tabby Borton
- WISE Bible College
- TCM International
- Gabriel & Barbara Ayala
- Eric & Chris Barry, Team Expansion
- World Wide Hispanic Outreach
- Jeff & Laura Wilhoit, Pioneer Bible Translators

Designated Gifts from Members of the Congregation:

- As He Is, USA—Mashoko Hospital, Zimbabwe, Nurses Training
- Dr. Zindoga Bungu
- Dionna Linn
- Deshay & Daniel Finch
- Ukrainian Children's Home (Paul Hottinger memorial gift)

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

Alfredo and Tamara

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

Alfredo and Tamara have been serving in North Africa for 13 years. Previously, for 15 years, Alfredo worked in his real estate business and worked with Tamara to plant churches in Venezuela. In 2002, they received a call from God to work among the Muslims and in 2004, arrived in North Africa with a family who are missionaries from Team Expansion. Their team, united with God and His Church, strives to start a church multiplication movement through strategic prayer, evangelism, and discipleship.

The team had 73 baptisms in 2016 - a record-breaking year! In 2015, there were 43 baptisms and in 2014, fourteen baptisms. The kingdom is expanding! In the capital area where Tamara and Alfredo are working (the North and the Central part of the country,) they witnessed 35 baptisms - 20 were second generation and four were third generation. God has been working this year in an incredible way.

In 2017, the vision of the ministry is to begin new house churches in areas where there are none. They are focused on seeking “men of peace” who would disciple others and raise up leaders to lead new groups. Fourteen men of peace are now studying the Bible in groups and sharing the Gospel with about 130 people. Alfredo and Tamara have been working to equip them so they will be able to direct and disciple others. As a result, churches are beginning in the Capital, and in the North and Central regions.

We want to give God glory for this year! We thank you so much for your support and prayers.

Alfredo & Tamara



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Team Expansion

Granada Spain Team

Our vision and efforts

As a team, we want to see a community of believers in each of the 25 towns surrounding Granada that do not have a Christian presence. Ultimately, we hope to see a Disciple Making Movement (DMM) that spreads around Spain. Part of our efforts are in a town called Alhendin. At the same time, we are joining forces as a team to find people of peace in other towns.

We are involved in the food bank in Monachil. We have trained other believers in the principles of DMM. Gaby is hoping to open a point of light in Alameda.

We also are working on a prayer network for the country of Spain called, "We Pray 4 Spain."



Gabriel y Bárbara Ayala

In May 2015, we moved to Murcia, Spain, having an opportunity to serve in a local church. The opportunity would help us to learn the culture and make a transition between our ministry in Venezuela and Spain.

It was a call that began in 2005, after a visit to my family (Gabo) in the Canary Islands. It was hard to see people about the same age using drugs in the streets and lacking hope in their faces. We were trained by Team Expansion missionaries in Venezuela and have been involved with the establishment of two churches in the past eight years in which we helped to equip local leaders and new preachers.

After a long wait and prayers answered, we felt that the opportunity in Murcia was God saying, "It's time." It was a year where we were reshaped and our faith grew so much.

During the first six months of 2016, we asked God to guide us in our next step. We visited different cities and towns asking God if that was the place where He wanted us. In the summer of 2016, we decided to join our teammates in

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Team Expansion

Granada Spain Team (continued)

Granada, Spain. God was providing a vision much bigger than ourselves and a team with whom we could serve.

Now, we live in Ogíjares, Granada; we are part of a team of eight missionaries from Team Expansion.

In August, we will have a new member of the family.

Gabriela Balestrini

Since I was a teenager, even before knowing Christ, I felt a great desire to come to Spain. At the age of 16, I started to attend Casarapa Community Christian Church, where David Linn served as Pastor. At church, I met several missionaries who inspired me to share the Gospel everywhere.



My desire of going to Spain was still alive, but it wasn't until 2011 when I really understood the reason for such an interest. After taking the Kairos course, my eyes were opened to a reality of which I wasn't aware, which was that Europe is in need of being evangelized again. During that time, a missionary friend and co-founder of my church, Rebekah Hannum, shared with me her call to Spain.

In 2013, I took my first trip to Spain, to the city of Granada, for a one-year internship. During this first year, God made me see the need of the Spanish people and the deep spiritual poverty in which they live. I never imagined that in a place with so much wealth there would be so much hopelessness.

At the end of my internship, I returned to Venezuela hoping to go back to Spain. By the end of 2014, I secured a religious visa, and, since then, have been in Granada working hand-in-hand full-time with an excellent Team Expansion team, of which Gabo and Barbara are also a part.

Note: Dionna Linn plans to join this team in Spain for a 2 year internship in the fall of this year.

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One of our newest missions this year is going out to university students. **Joel and Tabby Borton**, Ohio natives and graduates of Cincinnati Christian University, are working with Christian Missionary Fellowship (CMF) international, a mission dedicated to creating dynamic Christ-centered communities that transform the world. CMF has several ways to accomplish this goal. One of the methods used is called Canvas, a mission focused on reaching students of key universities in major cities. These young leaders provide a Christian community and model authentic relationships with Jesus for the world's most unreached generation. Canvas teams have been working in a variety of locations, creating an open community where students can explore faith and what it means to follow Christ. The Bortons have joined a team in Northern England on the campus of Nottingham University.

Like much of Western Europe, England is considered post Christian; fewer than nine percent are evangelical Christians. The church is growing among the widespread ethnic minorities who have immigrated to England over the past 50 years, but there has been a decline of Christian values and spirituality in English society as a whole since the 1960s. Nottingham is an historic university town and tourist destination of more than 300,000 people. There are some strong Christian churches in the area, but there is still a huge need for the nearly 40,000 students at the University of Nottingham to be reached for Christ.

In a little over 3 months, the Nottingham Canvas team has built a community of around 50 students. They hope to soon find a physical location on campus to build their ministry. This will become a place where students can come into a relaxed environment, build relationships and hear God's Word, many for the first time. The need and opportunity is there. Joel, Tabby and the entire Canvas team thanks HCC



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Christian Children's Home of Ohio

The Christian Children's Home of Ohio (CCHO) began almost 50 years ago in March 1969 when members of the independent Christian Churches/Churches of Christ movement learned of a boy with no safe place to call home. CCHO is located on a 165-acre campus in Wooster, Ohio and provides a safe and stable environment where abused, neglected and abandoned children find healing, discover hope, and experience unconditional love. Their mission is to help people experience their worth in Christ.



Parents and families also have access to counseling and home-based services with the ultimate goal of reuniting children with their families whenever possible. CCHO's professional programs and services are open to individuals and families: (The numbers below reflect the people served in fiscal year 2016)

- **Children's Residential Center** - 85 children served –an increase of 16% from the past year and 40% from 2 years ago
- **Encompass Christ-Centered Out-Patient Counseling** -1407 clients served
- **Encompass Home-Based Counseling Services**- 3782 therapy hours
- **Encourage Foster Care and Adoption**- 57 children served in 49 foster homes; 6 finalized adoptions
- **Equine-Assisted Therapy at Poplar Ridge Stables**- (stable, trails & indoor arena) - 1246 sessions including individual, group and outpatient
- **CCHO-affiliated Children's Residential Center** “Esperanza de Ana” (Hannah's Hope) and home-based program in Chilca, Peru—17 families served

The Christian Children's Home of Ohio received a newly designed website (www.ccho.org) and logo this year. They continue to operate debt-free with support from dozens of churches, community organizations and caring individuals. They have had over 800 volunteers give 4,653 hours of their time in the past year. CCHO hosts several fun fund-raising events on their campus every year designed to raise awareness for the work being done and to interact with people from the community.

The staff at the Christian Children's Home are grateful and humbled by the work God has done through CCHO and they can't wait to see what He does over the next 50 years!

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"On September 23, 1924, the new school began its first session in two brick buildings. Two things were evident from the beginning; first, the bible was taught with the earnest desire of arriving at its true meaning . . . and second, men and women whose earnest desire was to serve God, were received in classes and given work they most needed." - 1927 Cincinnati Bible Seminary Yearbook. 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.

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 ministers, missionaries and 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.

Although CCU faced some difficult times this past year, they have never lost focus on their core values. 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.

To help preserve these values in changing economic times, CCU has recently began plans to merge with Kentucky Christian University (KCU). KCU and CCU are two schools that share much in common: similar heritages, Christian missions, and student bodies. The ultimate goal is to preserve the distinct heritage of each university while positioning both to serve students, churches, stakeholders, and Christ with greater excellence and faithfulness. Both schools will retain their physical campuses (in Cincinnati and Grayson), as well as their respective names

HCC is 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 or KCU is located in Grayson, Kentucky just off of Interstate 64. KCU was founded on Christian principles over 98 years ago. In 2016, KCU began a merger with Cincinnati Christian University in Cincinnati, OH. Both schools will maintain their original name, legacy and campus.

Many different majors can be obtained through KCU, including nursing programs, pre-law study, business administration and many others. Over 18 bachelor degree programs and 4 master degree programs are offered.

Through these major studies, students take many Bible based core study classes that focus on Christian values. Bible based Christian teaching has been a staple at KCU since its founding. In 2016, KCU had its largest graduating class of 141 graduates.

KCU is also involved in NCCAA Division II sports. Programs for men's varsity sports including archery, football, golf, basketball, baseball, and track and field. Women's varsity sports include archery, softball, soccer, cross country and cheerleading. KCU has many NCCAA championship wins within each program. 2017 will mark the first time in 23 years that KCU will offer a varsity baseball program.

Kentucky Christian University works closely with Heath Church of Christ as the church is a Covenant Church to KCU. HCC member/students receive a Covenant Church Scholarship to KCU that is applied toward tuition. Support through churches such as Heath Church of Christ is essential to the quality of higher education received through Christian institutions such as Kentucky Christian Academy

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Strategic World Evangelism

Leonard Thompson



WHO WE ARE

We are a seed planting ministry based out of Chennai, India that shares the same concern about spreading the life of Jesus to all those willing to hear. We proclaim the Gospel widely over all Asia and elsewhere.

THE WORKERS

Founders Dr. Leonard Thompson and wife Pam (now deceased) and staff.

WHAT WE ARE DOING

- “The Divine Connection”, a TV broadcast, was first aired in March of 2007. It is now seen on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights in 4 languages (English, Hindi, Tamil & Telagu) with local church and correspondence course follow up.
- Facebook page (The Divine Connection a TV Broadcast of Strategic World Evangelism) promotes the TV broadcast to those that are unreachable by other means.
- Website at www.MessagesFromTheGuru.com puts the correspondence course online
- Seminars on “World Religions” and “What do you know about Islam?”
- Dr. Thompson teaches regularly at Lakeview Bible College along with Preaching/teaching commitments throughout Asia and beyond.
- The ChristIndian continues its bi-monthly publication with Dr. Thompson as chief editor

WHAT WE HAVE DONE

Planted churches in Chennai, Goa, Calcutta, Assam, Poonamalle and Thirulnelvi, all now operating independently • Founded the Madras School of Evangelism (Now called Lakeview Bible College) to train men and women for ministry • Had a short wave radio program entitled “The Way of God Hour” for 30 years – which we incorporated with a 12 part correspondence course • Built a benevolent Home for the Aged, providing security and comfort to our older community with no means of familial support • Mentored former students as they commit to a period of time on the mission field in India • Provided Tsunami relief through our Boat Project providing fishermen with the tools to return to work.

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TCM International



Developing Christian leaders for significant service

2017 marks TCM's 60th anniversary. TCM is dedicated to taking Christ to millions. And they have found that the most effective way to do this is by training Christians for ministry. The TCM vision, "that every nation will have effective leaders of disciple - making movements impacting their churches, cultures, and countries for Christ."

TCM comes alongside Christians who are leading in their own countries and have a passion for reaching their people for Christ. Through their institute they can develop a Christian leader for ministry for only 1% of the cost it would take to send a U.S. missionary to that same country. Since these individuals already know the cultures and languages, they are able to have successful ministries and are equipped for a lifetime of service.

TCM is educating over 1,000 Christian leaders from 45 nations through their accredited graduate institute. TCM presently serves a region almost 4x the size of the United States through Haus Edelweiss, the main teaching facility in Vienna, Austria and more than 22 in-country mentoring centers. Many students are unable to travel to the main campus in Austria because of family situations, lack of finances, or political issues. So TCM has strategically utilized online services and created numerous mentoring centers in over a dozen countries to provide the students with easier access to the training.

In May of 2016, the graduation ceremony took place at Haus Edelweiss. Forty-six ministers received degrees and certificates. During the year, 182 new students were admitted to begin their studies with TCM. This represented an 80% increase in admissions compared to the previous four years! A total of 91 courses were delivered in 2016 and four graduate seminars were held.

TCM would like to thank Heath Church of Christ for "partnering with us to help train and equip disciple makers in Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East, and beyond. There is much work to be done and we look forward to what God will accomplish through our partnership for Kingdom Service. We know that nothing we do would be possible without the leading and direction of the Holy Spirit and that everything we do must begin with and be blanketed in prayer. We are grateful for answered prayer in 2016 and ask that you join us throughout 2017 to pray for TCM."

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Mashoko Christian Hospital

Dr. Zindoga & Dinah Bungu

Mashoko Christian Hospital (Zimbabwe, Africa) 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 through the care they receive.

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.

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 2300 babies a year.
- Performs over 6 baptisms per month.
- Provides over 3,000 general, ob/gyn, orthopedic, and cardiac surgeries a year in the fully functioning operating room
- Trained more than a thousand nurses
- sponsored the training of two doctors at the local medical school.



Dr Zindoga & Dina Bungu

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.

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 Bungu's 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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*Reaching out to Muslim peoples from
throughout the world*

Endeavor Ministries is an international missions organization responsible for spreading the Word of God to people of Muslim faith both here and abroad. Missionaries with Endeavor Ministries have traveled throughout the United Arab Emirates within the last two years strengthening relationships with Muslim students who have studied in the United States.

Currently, missionaries are witnessing to students and families within central and western Ohio. Through forming bonds of friendship and trust, many hearts have been opened and important questions have been raised.

A mission trip to the UAE was completed in December of 2016. As opportunities arise, more trips will be scheduled in the near future. Locations include providences in the United Arab Emirates and other predominantly Muslim countries in the Middle East.

**Contact information for this family is available from
the missions 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. Since that time, two more dormitories have been built. 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 typical 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. They have also built two chapels and a large dining area. Last year, they donated 8 acres of land next to the retreat area to be used to build a Mexican Christian University.

In 2017, they will open a tortilla factory for women to be able to earn a wage. They now have 17 full-time employees. Over the past 15 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



The mission of 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 a Bible College dedicated to helping the church fulfill its mission of evangelizing the lost and edifying the saved. It seeks to do this by training leaders for the church.

Therefore, WISE is not a substitute for the church, but an organization of believers who are seeking to help the church accomplish its purpose.

The WISE Bible College was founded by Bob and Jackie Muter after a missionary trip to Jamaica in 1974. They were joined by Jeff and Jane Robertson in 1977 and the two families moved to St. Lucia in 1978. WISE officially began in St. Lucia in 1979 with two students pursuing a two-year Associate Degree program in Theology. After spending only one term there, the School was moved to the island of St. Vincent with nine students entering the second term. As time went by, the Curriculum was broadened to accommodate a one year certificate in Ministry and three-year Bachelor's Degree in Theology/Christian Education. Bob Muter, went home to be with the Lord in 1998, and Jackie Muter followed him as Director. Jeff Robertson, resigned in 2002. In January 2006, Jackie retired from the Directorship and moved back to the states to serve as Director of Resource Development. At that time, Simeon Norton became WISE's third Director.

In 2011, the WISE Advisory Board appointed Brice and Amanda Wurdeman as Directors for the college (Amanda is the granddaughter of Bob and Jackie Muter). In 2013, WISE began pursuing an opportunity to start a satellite campus in Barbados to help reach more students and train more leaders. The satellite campus began in 2014 and was the door God opened to pursue something much bigger, to move WISE from St. Vincent (location for 35 years) to Barbados. On August 25, 2015 WISE moved to the new 6-acre campus located in Fortescue, Barbados which had previously been a Baptist Bible College. The location is a centuries old sugar cane plantation and needed a lot of work. After many months of renovation and assistance from many supporting churches (one of which was Heath Church of Christ), WISE officially re-opened on January 23, 2017.



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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.

Laura and our co-translator, Pastor Jeremie, are completing the team check of the Old Testament prophetic books. The Toma revision committee recently went over the gospel of John to prepare it for our translation consultant to review.

	Old Testament	New Testament
Rough draft	100%	100%
Team check	90%	100%
Revision committee	58%	78%
Consultant	53%	35%
Published	51%	13%

Status of Toma Bible translation as of Feb. 2017

Jeff recently traveled to Ukraine where he conducted training in Bible translation software and in security for Eastern Europeans serving with Pioneer Bible Translators. He continues to oversee construction of PBT's new Vision Building. He also led a pilot test of a new oral Bible translation software developed by PBT's partner organization Faith Comes By Hearing. Laura continues to serve as an editor of PBT's magazine and newsletter.



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Invest Hope, Haiti

Ginny Andrews and David Barreau

Invest Hope is a non-profit Christian mission organization working with the people of Haiti. They specialize in providing business courses, economic loans and children programs.



Invest Hope provides loan opportunities to be used to develop local Haitian business and enterprises. They also provide Haitian citizens the opportunity to save for education, learn family planning through Biblical principles, and learn skilled trades.

Invest hope has helped to fund businesses around Haiti and to further the economic growth of poverty stricken communities. Through their micro-loan program, they have helped many economically poor citizens fulfill their dreams and sustain a profitable life in Haiti, both economically and spiritually. Invest Hope provides many different Christian courses to help spread the Word of Christ throughout their country. Many hearts have been brought to the Lord through this program.



Invest Hope also provides courses to help families in Haiti grow stronger bonds together and through Christ. Their Christian family planning programs have brought many families together through Christ and provided the opportunity to strengthen family ties.

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Our Faith Promise Speakers

Eric and Chris Barry served for 20 years as the Team Leader for Team Expansion's work in Venezuela. They were privileged to see God take the Church in Venezuela from less than 1% to over 11% Evangelical. God then called them to Louisville, Kentucky where they are currently ministering at



International Services. Eric serves as Vice President of Outreach and Training. Eric coaches a team of 14 Field Coordinators that oversee 70 active Church Planting Teams made up of 200+ missionaries working in 47 countries. He also heads up the Training Department and is the National Coordinator for the Kairos Missions Mobilization course. Chris serves as a Mom, a trainer and is a part of the DMM ministry. They've been married for over 30 years and the Lord has given them 4 great kids - all of whom have also sensed the Father's Call to Global Missions.

Our Faith Promise Speakers (continued)



Andy and Mandy serve with Endeavor Ministries, Inc. where Andy reaches out online and in person, sharing the Gospel with international students who are Muslim who are studying in over one hundred universities in the U.S. and throughout the world; while training other

Christians to do the same. They have been engaged in outreach to Muslims for over 15 years and have been married 18 years. They have three children, Addie Grace (16), Isabella Joy (4), and Alana Hope (3). They are based in Columbus, OH with Andy traveling out to students from there. Andy tries to make annual visits to the Arab Gulf to visit connect and continue to share with students, their friends, and their families. Andy and Mandy graduated from Kentucky Christian University (Andy - 97'), (Mandy - 99') where they met. Andy has served in outreach in the United Kingdom (3 and half months), Ukraine (almost one year), and Andy, Mandy, and Addie have lived and served in Turkey for five years from 2005 to 2010. They are more grateful than their abilities to express for the faithful prayer and financial partnership of Heath Church of Christ and Andy is both humbled and honored to have been asked to be the speaker for our 2017 Faith Promise Sunday!

God continues, through your faithful and diligent prayers and financial partnership, to expand the outreach efforts and bless Andy with favor among his many dear Muslim friends. PLEASE pray for open and receptive hearts that will respond to the Gospel! PLEASE pray for continued open doors and opportunities to share the Gospel!! PLEASE pray for the family as Andy's schedule is quite challenging! PLEASE pray for continued financial needs to be met and for God to bless every effort of sowing SEEDS of the Gospel among Muslim international students!!

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)

