

## MISSIONARIES UPDATES JANUARY 2024

## This Sunday is MISSIONS SUNDAY!

Your prayerful and generous missions offering is deeply appreciated, and needed as we support our missionaries! Here are some updates from the missionaries you support!

<u>David & Julie Goldschmidt</u> – (Scotland) God is moving in Edinburgh. We launched our church in 2012 one of our prayers was that God would help us find a church building. We knew this was a BIG ASK because Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland. Finding a building does not come easy and if something opens up there are several people wanting to move into the space. In 2021 God broke through all those barriers and blessed us with the opportunity to take an old church and repurpose if for a church again. We were able to renovate the upper level of the church building. In the past 18 months we have seen salvations, baptisms, connections with our community and the church is growing. The lower level was rented by the same company for the past 45 years and in the next 3 weeks they are moving out and we are moving in. Our goal is to turn the downstairs into a youth and kid's space.





<u>Duane & Lori Danielsen</u> – (Eurasia) This past September we did a Buddhist Hindu Priority Launch. We are grateful for AGWM's priority on reaching Buddhists and Hindus that will help local churches to reach Buddhists and Hindus around them.

<u>Mark Flattery</u> – (NETWORK 211) My life goal has been to serve the Lord wholeheartedly to anyone and to anywhere, as He directs and enables. I am honored to have served the Lord as an AGWM missionary for thirty-two years & counting. As people write to Network 211, we desire to connect them with the One who will meet their needs, transform their lives, and bring them purpose and promise.





<u>Sonia Alanya</u> – (Spain) In every church service, life group share, young adults/youth ministries, missions fellowship and dinners. I am overwhelmed by the generosity of so many of you. My heart is filled and encouraged by every prayer you prayed, kindness extended, words exchanged with me. But most of all, humbled and inspired by every act of giving in faith. God is faithful to fulfill his promise and he is moving through you. Thank you for your obedience, love and sacrifice. We do this together!

<u>Stephen & Sonia Wallace</u> – (Finland) Recently, I shared a message with our congregation here in Helsinki about discipleship. During my time of preparation. I was reminded once again that making disciples is at the core of who we are and what we do as followers of Jesus. In the busyness of our modern lives, it's easier now more than ever to neglect this beautiful & daily practice of becoming more and more like Jesus. Please pray for our funding as our travel commitments have increased greatly since becoming Area Directors here in Northen Europe.





<u>Joel & Gail VanBriggle</u> – (Belgium) Your faithful support has enabled us to see two church campuses grow in communities that re predominantly unchurched with the general sentiment that "religion is irrelevant and an embarrassing part of Europe's history." Despite tough soil, we are seeing new families nearly weekly discovering the value of a faith community and finding hope that only comes from knowing Jesus. Gail & I continue to marvel at how God faithfully leads our family in this journey.

Kevin & Sandy Barner — (Peninsular Asia) We just returned to Bangkok 2 weeks ago Dec. 6th from our 4-month shortened itineration in the US. We had an incredible time reconnecting with many of our partners and friends. During this Christmas season, our Missionaries throughout our 5 countries will be doing Christmas outreaches, and will be sharing the Christmas Story with many who have NEVER heard the Name of Jesus even one time, many of which will be children. They've heard of Santa Claus, but NOT JESUS! Please pray that God would use us to bless, strengthen, encourage, mentor and empower our nearly 200 Missionaries serving on the field throughout PenAsia. Give us favor and fruitfulness in building and expanding God's Kingdom in Asia Pacific. Protect us and keep us healthy as we travel throughout our 5 countries in PenAsia so we can be "on site" and "in person" where our Missionaries live and serve.





<u>Diane Laws</u> – (Islands of Micronesia) – For 10 days AGWM from all over Asia and the Pacific Islands gathered for an intensive training event for reaching & discipling children in their nations. What a privilege to have a part in leading this great movement! Prayer request (1) Pray for the church in Chuuk State, Micronesia. There has recently been a restart of the AG church there but there is a great need for someone to lead the church. (2) Continue to pray for Team Micronesia: Dave & Patti, John Mark & Oshiana & whoever else God may call. Pray that God will provide for their budgets so they can get here! (3) let's keep Hannah & Stephanie in prayer as they continue to seek God's plan for their future. (4) Pray for our leaders throughout Micronesia and especially for those taking bold steps of faith. (5) Pray for steps being taken to begin a Bible school. Some local leaders will be preparing to lead and we are looking

for land options that will allow us space to grow in years to come. (6) Pray for healing for my eyes and for my vision. I have returned to NY for a season as my specialist in Buffalo tries to find the medication that will work for me. This cannot be adequately done on Guam for this testing period. Pray that an effective solution will be found quickly so I can get back & continue my care closer to home. (7) Pray for the nations and territories of Micronesia.