



# The Ninety & Nine



Jesus said to them again,  
"Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me,  
even so I am sending you."

John 20:21

Christ Venice  
Global Methodist  
Church

For the Son of Man came to  
seek and to save the lost.

Luke 19:10

# 2025 MISSIONS & MINISTRIES GUIDE



# "The One"

"If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?" Matthew 18:12

Christ Venice Global Methodist Church

## **Missionaries and Missions Represented at MISSION FESTIVAL '25**

### **INTERNATIONAL**

**Sunday Agang**, Evangelical Church Winning All, **Nigeria**

**Dan Christopherson**, Christ for Cuba (SW District Mission)

**Kevin Cox**, Word of Life, **Brazil**

**Denny & Michelle Craker**, World Gospel Mission, **China**

**Pat & Melenda Edmiston**, Wycliffe Bible Translators,  
**New Guinea**

**Fawzi Khalil**, YWAM (Youth with a Mission), **Egypt**

**Harry & Deby Miller**, OMEA (One Middle East Agency),  
**Israel**

**Pastor Daniel Motakatla**, New Covenant Ministry, **India**

**Michael & Pam Mozley**, Catalyst for the World

**Craig & Sue Querfeld**, TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance  
Mission), **Latin America**

**Pastor Sairy Marte & Sarah Rosenburg**, Renewed Hope  
Missions, **Dominican Republic**

**Jason Sheets**, TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance  
Mission), **Peru**

### **LOCAL & NATIONAL**

**180 House**, Natalie Roeschlaub, Mark Wiles

**Agape Flights**, Shelly Watkins, Allen Speer

**BLS Ministries**, Lenee Schroeder

**Center of Hope**, Jim & Lynette McClelland

**Gideons International**, Tom & Vimala Thamburaj

**Venice Christian School**, Jerry Frimmel

## Crisis and Urgent Need Giving in 2024

*Your generous Faith Promise giving provides quarterly support to our 30-plus Missionaries and Missions. Generous giving also allows crisis funds for humanitarian aid and emergency assistance as well as less urgent requests. This past year, Christ Venice Missions was able to fully or partially meet all of the emergency requests we received to help alleviate suffering and despair caused by war, and natural disaster. Here are some of the ways your gifts were used to share God's love:*

### Hurricane Relief

\$10,000 Global Methodist Church hurricane relief

### Mongolia

\$3,000 toward completing Pastor's home, ministry center and small farm where the church grows food.

### School in Liberia

\$3,000 To help the Ebners complete the new school building.

### War in Gaza Refugee Crisis

Fawzi Khalil - \$10,000 to provide housing, food, and medicine for war refugees and an additional \$1,000 to purchase blankets.

### Cuban Churches Food and Medicine

\$30,000 to aid the sick and hungry in Cuba.

### Cosme Batey Cuba

Microphones for services \$1,120; \$1,285 Christmas outreach.

### Brazil, Bibles for students

Kevin Cox - \$700 to provide Bibles for youth campers.

### Cafeteria for the Haitian School

Pastor Julio Jean-Gilles - \$3,000 to enable providing meals for students.

180 House \$200 for Volunteer Recognition

### Venice Christian School

\$25,000 to help with expansion of the school to help meet the increasing demand for the Christian school.

## Welcome to the 2025 annual Missions Festival

Dear Members and Friends,

For more than 30 years, Christ Venice has been supporting missionaries and ministries around the world, including their local and regional area. This past year we have continued that legacy of faithfulness and obedience to the Great Commission and Acts 1:8.

Last year, you gave over \$250,000 to missions through your Faith Promise gifts and other donations. With this, we were able to continue support for our missionary partners as they also dealt with inflation pressures and resource shortages. We were able to provide emergency assistance and special projects that our missionaries requested. Many came to faith in Christ, and many more were taught and disciplined as a direct result of your gifts and the missionaries' labors.

From Cuba to Mongolia, from the Dominican Republic and Haiti to Liberia and Nigeria, from Brazil and Peru to Palestine and Israel, and yes, to hurricane relief and ministry to the homeless in Florida, your gifts provided food, medicines, blankets for war victims, education, housing, a new cafeteria and a new classroom building, all in the name of Jesus.

In addition, we added a couple of new missionary teams to our roster, as older ones have retired, and some have gone on to glory.

Together, we will reach even further into the most marginalized and vulnerable populations in our own communities and across the globe. Each of our missionary partners have a deep desire to spread the Gospel, baptize and disciple, as well as care for the very real human needs of the ones in their sphere of influence. You are a partner in making that happen!

Please fill out a Faith Promise card during the Missions Festival, or anytime during the year using the form on the back of this page.

We encourage you to use this booklet to learn more about our missionaries and ministries and most importantly to pray for each of them throughout the year. If you would like to be an "e-mail pen pal" with any of them, please let me know, and I will connect you!

For the kingdom,

Cal Brown, Missions Chair

On behalf of the Missions Committee and Festival Team



# My Faith Promise

Your faith promise is a commitment between you and the Lord, an offering given by faith, above your tithe, to help to reach lost souls for the Kingdom.

Please mark the appropriate box and fill in the blanks accordingly. You will NOT be contacted for it. You are making this promise with your Lord for His harvest.

## MY PROMISED OFFERING

\$25    \$100    \$250    \$500

OR

My Best Offering \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## TO BE CONTRIBUTED

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### **BROWN, Harold** OMS (One Mission Society), Europe, Russian, & Middle East




For more than 55 years Harold served with OMS on the field, and in field operations, for Haiti, Russia, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Harold went to be with the Lord on October 14, 2024. He died peacefully, in the same house that he was born in Pinnacle, N.C.

### **VICTOR, Pastor Fan Fan** Eglise Apocalypse - Rouge, Haiti



Pastor Fan Fan has been a mission partner with Christ Venice for more than 25 years, having been introduced to John and Janet Outerbridge; founding members of the church. Christ Venice helped him build a rice mill, a church and a Christian school that continues to serve his Haitian community, through his son, Fresnel.



## NATIONAL MISSIONS

“So Jesus said to them again, 'Peace to you!' As the Father has sent me, I also send you.” John 20:21

### **MISSION SAFETY INTERNATIONAL** - Tennessee



Since 1983, MSI has helped aviation staff fly safer missions to share the Gospel around the world. From fixing aircraft to improving airstrips, MSI works to improve the safety of mission aviation organizations and pilots. MSI conducted 11 Safety Audits for missions all over the world, provided instruction at 3 Safety Seminars, and presented conferences in 2024. There were several accidents requiring MSI's assistance to restore the planes but there were no fatalities.



## THE CENTER OF HOPE - Venice

Pastors Jim and Lynette McClelland

The Center of Hope is a neighborhood church and outreach center that assists those in need; the homeless, veterans, single-parent families, the elderly, the working poor. It is one of six entry points in Sarasota County to provide food, clothing, and housing, for the community. This past year they served a record number of families in need. During the hurricane 4,180 people were fed through World Central Kitchen on their property. They lost thousands of dollars in meat during Helene and Milton as their generators could not keep up and fuel was scarce. They are still dealing with families who are displaced, living in hotels and places not meant for habitation. They moved into our new building with a goal to provide a breakfast and hot lunch with a recovery meeting and hot showers.



*"This generation of Christians is responsible for this generation of souls on the earth." Keith Green, Christian recording artist*

## VENICE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Principal Jerry Frimmel

VCS is a fully accredited, nondenominational, private Christian school of over 350 students in Pre-K through 12th grade. The school serves students from Sarasota to Port Charlotte and are representative of more than 45 churches. VCS partners with families, local churches, and the community to educate children in accordance with the truth of Scriptures and to pursue excellence in academic instruction with a Biblical worldview. VCS Student Services serves approximately 100 students providing gifted programming, services for students who are health impaired, have learning disabilities and academic deficits. The demand for a Christ-centered education in our community led VCS to expand its facilities. The picture above is the architectural rendering of the new building. Their main parking lot has 50 new parking spots. Your Faith Promise gifts support the expansion that has already begun.



## FY 2024- 2025 Missions Committee Members

**Cal Brown, Chair**

**Rich Hutter, Budget Chair**

**Ron Baker**

**Chen Bell**

**Dave Brock**

**Kathy Johnston**

**Kristin Mikarts**

**Stacy Pinkerton**

**Dave Smith**

**Pastor Dave St. Aubin, Staff Liaison**



*"Not called! Did you say?  
'Not heard the call,' I think you should say.  
Put your ear down to the Bible  
and hear Him bid you go and  
pull sinners out of the fire of sin."*

**William Booth, Methodist Pastor,  
Founder of The Salvation Army**



## GLOBAL MISSIONS

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." Isaiah 6:8

### AGANG, Rev. Sunday Bobai

#### ECWA (Evangelical Church Winning All) Theological Seminary - Nigeria

Rev. Agang serves as President of the Seminary with a call to evangelize the unsaved, teach Christian discipleship, address the issues of minority abuses, exploitation and oppression of orphans, and fostering and nurturing interfaith dialogues between Christians and Muslims in Nigeria. All amidst increasing acts of kidnapping, banditry and terrorism in Nigeria. His wife, Sarah serves as the Coordinator of the Seminary's Women Institute with an out reach to 600 widows and 400 orphans whose husbands or parents were killed by bandits and terrorists. Their work focuses on trauma training healing, skill acquisition, spiritual and economic empowerment.



Rev. Agang has written extensively on the Gospel in the context of Globalization, Terrorism, Corruption, Persecution, Human Suffering, and more. He is a professor of Christian Theology, Ethics & Public Policy at the ECWA Seminary and is a sought-after speaker around the world. He works in a Muslim-dominated region of Northern Nigeria, where religious violence and other social crises have become unprecedented; including the rise of Islamic terrorists and nomadic Fulani militias. Labeled the poverty capital of the world, people in Nigeria have been devastated by the scourge of unemployment, leaving families traumatized and desperate. Rev. Agang works to educate and train students at the ECWA Seminary to send forth more Christian pastors and leaders in local communities and beyond.

### AGAPE FLIGHTS - Venice

Every week, aircraft depart from the Agape Flights hangar in Venice, transporting all kinds of provisions and mail to hundreds of missionary partners living and working in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas. Their pilots are met at airports throughout the Caribbean islands by missionaries who serve as the distribution network on the ground. They ensure that supplies reach the orphanages, medical clinics, schools, hospitals, and churches they serve to share the love of Christ. The building supplies become homes, the water pumps provide clean water for entire communities, and the Bibles become resources for discipleship. Agape also expedites relief supplies during disasters and delivers humanitarian aid into Cuba, when possible, and serves as an important stateside connection for missionaries by serving as their "home" address.



*"Sympathy is no substitute for action."* David Livingstone, Physician, Missionary, Martyr to end African slave trade

### BREAKFAST CHURCH

Breakfast Church continues on a weekly basis on Friday mornings through the dedicated efforts of 25 + volunteers, including food preparers, transporters, set up and take down people, musicians and speakers.



Depending on the day, there are anywhere from 5 to 15 homeless participants. In addition to providing a warm sandwich, fruit, coffee and a take-away lunch, opportunities arise for prayer, spiritual growth and allowing Jesus to enter the hearts of the homeless. Clothing and personal hygiene items are made available as well. By simply showing care and love to the "guests" that participate, relationships are formed, opportunities for spiritual discussion arise and confidence in salvation occurs.

### Venice Train Depot



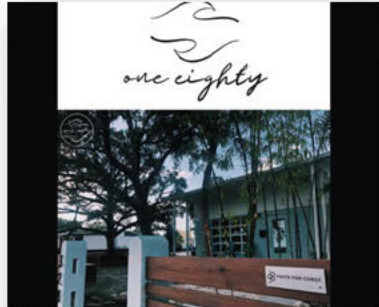
## LOCAL MISSIONS



**“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’ Mark 25:40**

### 180 HOUSE - Venice

Located in downtown Venice, not far from Venice High School, the 180 House offers teens, ages 11 to 18, a place to hang out with friends, have fun, and experience the love of Jesus. As an outreach of Suncoast Youth for Christ, the 180 House is intent on reaching youth who often feel unloved, unsafe and unseen. The 180 House is unique in that it uses board sports and the arts as a common interest to build relationships and teach life skills, with the help of adult volunteers of all ages. Almost 30 High school and 35 middle school students attend Bible studies, faith-based camps, volunteer in the community, and learn to navigate life's challenges with adult mentors. Many students said yes to Christ this year. This year, Christ Venice Church will help to add an ADA bathroom in the garage.



### BLS MINISTRIES - Venice

#### Lenee Schroeder

Lenee is an accomplished keyboard musician, vocalist, inspirational speaker, and long-time member of Christ Venice church. She brings women together for small, renewal retreats to allow the Lord to restore their souls. She also shares her gift of music, and her faith, in churches, retreats and conferences in Florida and around the U.S. This past year, she has ministered in Oklahoma, Colorado, Tennessee, as well as North and South Carolina.



### Christ for Cuba

#### Cuba - El Cocal & Cosme Batey, Cuba

Christ for Cuba works to establish sister church relationships to help Cuban pastors share the Gospel and improve lives in their communities. If a pastor does not have a sister church, then the pastor does not receive a salary, and more than 60 percent of Cuban pastors do not have a sister church. Your Faith Promise dollars have helped provide these pastors and their churches with Bibles, cell phone minutes, a laptop, water purification systems, church repairs and expansions, and transportation in isolated areas.



***“If you are ever inclined to pray for a missionary, do it at once, wherever you are. Perhaps he may be in great peril at that moment.” Amy Carmichael, missionary to India for 55 years and an author of 35 books.***

### COLEMAN, Kris & Rachael

#### Konbit Together, Jamaica

The Coleman family moved from Haiti over two years ago to Moneague, Jamaica because of ongoing civil unrest. KONBIT - a term used to describe a group of people coming together to accomplish a project in their community that meets the spiritual and physical needs of its communities in Jamaica and Haiti including job creation, discipling, emergency housing, feeding programs, and much more. From Jamaica, they continue to serve people in Haiti with “Meals on 2 Wheels”. It requires the assistance of armored military to deliver food to starving people. Konbit facilitated the provision of thousands of school supplies, Vacation Bible School, small construction projects for churches and a children’s community area. Konbit helps churches to move the cause of the kingdom of God forward in their communities. *Rachael is the daughter of Christ Venice’s very first pastor, Mike Shirley.*





## World Gospel Mission (China)

██████████ providing pastoral care, counseling and ministering to Chinese global workers helping the persecuted church in China, where 68,000,000 underground Christians worship. Due to an escalation of persecution and health reasons, the ██████████ left China. ██████████ is pastoring a Chinese church in the Clemson, S.C. area which is comprised of mostly Chinese graduate students and/or professors. ██████████ is a mobilizer for the WGM East Region. She is involved in trying to mobilize non-U.S. citizens going to serve all around the world and to connect their call and passion with God's heart for the world. ██████████ is the daughter of Wil (Deceased) and Donnabelle Hoffman of Christ Venice.



*"We never know how God will answer our prayers, but we can expect that He will get us involved in His plan for the answer. If we are true intercessors, we must be ready to take part in God's work on behalf of the people for whom we pray."*

Corrie Ten Boom, author, speaker, helped Jews escape the Nazis

## COX, Kevin

### Word of Life - Brazil

Kevin was born and raised in Brazil and is passionate about helping to reach low-income youth with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through camp ministry. The free, weekend mini camps are held in the suburbs of Sao Paulo in partnership with local churches and other organizations that also work with low-income youth. Campers play high-energy, competitive games, participate in meaningful skits and receive good meals - many times better than what they receive in their homes. The activities help to break down barriers to reach the minds and hearts of youth with the love of Jesus. The Gospel is presented with open discussions. At the end of camp, the youth are connected to the local churches for follow-up and discipleship.



## REGIONAL MISSIONS

**"Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon." Isaiah 58:10**



### ECHO GLOBAL FARM

#### Ft. Myers, FL

For more than 30 years, ECHO has impacted millions of lives by teaching small-scale, sustainable farming to people around the world. ECHO's mission is to follow Jesus by reducing hunger and improving lives worldwide through partnerships that equip people with agricultural resources and skills. Your Faith Promise dollars provided year-round financial support, as well as additional funds to help rebuild damaged facilities.



### GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL - Lemon Bay Camp

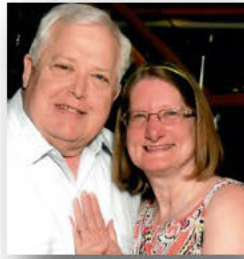
For more than 120 years, The Gideons International has shared the Gospel through distribution of Bibles. In 2024, the local Gideons camp took part in 105 distribution events including those at the University of South Florida, the Sarasota County Fair, the Venice and Englewood Farmers Markets, the Awaken Food Bank in North Port, and the Gasparilla Inn & Club. The camp also distributes to local schools, hotels, doctor's offices, assisted living facilities, and more. They also distributed Bibles to children attending Vacation Bible Schools and school-based Bible clubs. Last May alone, the local Gideons distributed over 12,000 Scriptures and are far exceeding that number today.





**SMITH, Jerry & Susan**  
**CTW/ Lifeqwest**

The Smiths' ministry has transitioned from "boots on the ground" to "senders and facilitators" as they now provide support, leadership and counseling to pastors and churches in Mongolia, Panama, Europe, Venezuela, India, Romania, North Africa, Israel and in the U.S.. Based in Houston, TX, the Smiths use their experience to help bring resources and prayer to pastors. Today, God is allowing them to help national pastors and missionaries they know personally around the globe to raise the Banner of Jesus Christ, to "GO and make disciples of all nations." Christ Venice Faith Promise gifts have helped distribute 1,500 Bibles in Telugu, Hindi and Punjabi languages in various rural villages in India and sent relief supplies for Ukraine.



*"Whatever we do, we must not treat the Great Commission like it's the Great Suggestion."*

Charles Swindoll, Pastor, Author, Educator

**SHEETS, Jason & Sarah**      **Peru**  
**TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission)**

The Sheets have served for more than 9 years in Arequipa, Peru. They are church planters in an area called "Ciudad de Dios". Jason serves as local pastor preaching, teaching, and discipling the congregation. He also trains local people for work in the ministry. "We have a weekly Sunday service and Sunday school for the whole family and small groups and Christian education classes on Saturdays. We meet on Wednesday nights to pray together. God has used His Word to teach us, challenge us, grow us and correct us. We are thankful that His Word is truth!" Sarah works primarily with women's and children's ministry. They practice and teach 'one on one evangelism' and have outreach activities to hundreds in the community. In 2024, your Faith Promise gifts helped build a classroom for teens, a pastoral office and a nursery space.



**DeLUCIA, Roberto & Anna**  
**Word of Life - Atibaia, Brazil**

At the Vinde Meninos Relief Center in Atibaia, Sao Paulo, children and teens living in extreme poverty arrive after school each day for Bible lessons, tutoring, recreation and a healthy meal.

There are currently 116 children attending the after school program and more than 60 at the expansion locations. Six teens were baptized last year and more than 300 children and their families attended the annual Christmas celebration where the Gospel is shared and gifts are given. Roberto said 7 short-term mission teams came to Vinde Meninos in 2024 to minister to the children. "This is a great help for our staff, and the kids absolutely love having Americans visiting and playing with them," he said. Christ Venice sent an intergenerational team in 2016 and is to come again. Your Faith Promise gifts have provided significant property improvements and have helped expand programming.



**EBNER, Johannes & Lena**  
**Calling Ministry/Liberia, Africa**

As year-round partners with the Ebners, your Faith Promise dollars provide food, clothing, education, clean water, parenting classes, and so much more, to the surrounding villages where the Ebners live. They also provide ongoing help to 11 families with special needs children, and last year they helped 15 children with severe medical needs and 10 children suffering from severe malnutrition. Your gifts also helped the Ebners build a Christian bush school (with outdoor bathrooms!) that now has 135 children ages pre-K to 2nd grade. These children have no other opportunity for an education. By meeting their physical and educational needs, the door is opened for the Ebners to develop relationships with neighbors and introduce them to Jesus.





## **EDMISTON, Pat & Melenda Wycliffe Bible Translators, Southeast Asia, New Guinea**

Pat and Melenda have dedicated their lives to translating the Scriptures and teaching people to read and write in their native languages. Pat works with various translation projects in the South Pacific, primarily in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. In May 2024, Pat's team completed checking the book of Leviticus for the Are'are people in the Solomon Islands. And in September, the Feni New Testament, which Pat consultant-checked, was dedicated on Anir Island, off the coast of New Ireland province, PNG. In October, Pat did the final check of the Buhutu New Testament and the team is in the process of preparing it for typesetting. In November, after working with Label translators for many years, the Label New Testament was dedicated. They have completed checking the last book (Romans) of the Notsi New Testament, which has been sent off to publishers, and the dedication is set for May of this year. In 2025, Pat will be checking Old Testament books for several language teams in the Solomon Islands. The couple also has plans to revisit the Alamlak people and attend the dedication of the reprint of the Alamlak New Testament, which Pat helped to successfully translate in previous years.



*"If God wills the evangelization of the world & you refuse to support missions, then you are opposed to the will of God."*

Oswald J. Smith, Pastor and Author

## **VICTOR, Pastor Fresnel Eglise Apocalypse - Rouge, Haiti**

Pastor Fresnel is the son of Pastor Fan Fan, who passed away last year. He is now leading the ministry that Christ Venice began supporting more than 25 years ago. Christ Venice helped build and operate a rice mill, a church and a Christian school that continues to serve the Haitian community. Fresnel reported "Despite the difficult situation that our country is going through on the economic, social and political front; we continue to bless the name of God for his faithfulness."



## **QUERFELD, Craig & Sue TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission), Latin America**

Craig and Sue Querfeld have served with TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission) for over 30 years. Their primary ministry was church planting in Arequipa, Peru. Currently Craig serves on the Latin America Leadership and supervises missionaries, rebuilding TEAM in South America. He works with TEAM's legacy partners—places where TEAM previously planted churches with ongoing ministry after missionaries moved on to address needs and support our Latin American brothers and sisters, working together to further the Kingdom of God. He is doing this through mentoring and creating connections between different TEAM-related ministries, with a vision to create a network of churches and Christian organizations who, when working together, will be able to plant churches throughout Latin America and send missionaries to other parts of the world.



*"The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity." – Mike Stachura, Missionary, author*

## **RENEWED HOPE MISSIONS Santiago, Dominican Republic Pastor Sairy Marte**

Renewed Hope Missions has ministered to impoverished children and their families in Santiago and several neighboring communities including Cuesta Arena and Los Cocos for more than 10 years. Though the construction of buildings, schools and the distribution of clean water is an important focus of this ministry, the main goal is to share the love of God and offer hope for the future. Renewed Hope also provides a high-quality preschool and tutoring program for local children and about 30 children attend a new weekly Bible study. Christ Venice has sent a medical/dental short-term missions team to Renewed Hope for the past several years and will be returning in March 2025.





## MOZLEY, Michael & Pam

### Catalyst For The World (formerly for Africa)

Catalyst for the World is expanding its mission and work beyond Africa to the world. It is a leadership/discipleship development ministry previously serving in 15 different African countries and partnering with more than 40 African leaders. CFW held four conferences and trained 50 leaders this past year. Michael holds weekly discipleship training with over 20 leaders monthly. This past year CFW participated in an 8-day conference in Malta, meeting with leaders from several North African countries and the Middle East, as well as a 10-year anniversary conference in Cotonou, Benin with 14 leaders from 10 different countries. CFW also visited with leaders in Ghana, Togo and Benin.



*"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." Jim Elliot, Missionary and one of five people killed attempting to evangelize the Huaorani people of Ecuador.*

## PROMISE FOR HAITI Pignon, Haiti

### David Rueher

Promise for Haiti provides the best healthcare and education in Central Haiti. More than 145,000 people have been served through this ministry of healthcare, education, clean water, evangelism and community development. This past year, your Faith Promise gifts helped fund three solar wells to provide clean water and combat the cholera epidemic that has plagued this area for many years. Your giving helped build one of nine Christian primary schools in the area surrounding Pignon. Each of the nine primary schools supported by Promise for Haiti provide meals for all the students, which may be the only meal the students have that day. *David Rueher, PFH is the grandson of John & Janet Outerbridge, founders of our church.*



## HALE, Ryan & Gina

### Axia International Sicily, Italy

The Hale family works with immigrants and refugees coming to Europe from Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia. Their church at Agape Bici has now multiplied and opened a new church. In Catania, they are starting a new Spanish-speaking group for immigrants and refugees from various Latin American countries. They are also training other churches. An ex-Muslim from Bangladesh, whom they have trained, has launched 4 churches and is working to start a 5th in Rome amongst Afghans, Bangladeshi, Italians, and others. Our Pakistani teammates in northern Italy have started several groups. They have people planting churches in Tunisia, Mali, and Hungary. Agape Bici is going strong in Catania and has been adapted for ministry outreach in several refugee camps in northern Italy. Our team's community garden is partnering with Italian churches as well as immigrants from Mauritius and Argentina. Faith Promise gifts support the Hales year-round and have helped expand the ministry. *Ryan's parents, Steve and Dianna Hale, attend Christ Venice.*



## JEAN-GILLES, Julio

### Cap Haitien, Haiti

Pastor Julio and his wife, Guermanie, oversee Bethesda Church in the Madeline neighborhood of Cap Haitien, serving about 500 parishioners, as well as overseeing a primary school that serves close to 200 children. There is no free education in Haiti so most families cannot afford to send their children to school. This ministry partners with others to help cover the cost of schooling for impoverished children and helps families become self-sustaining through growing their own food, as well as providing clean water to those in the community. Political and civil unrest is causing great hardships for the people of Haiti. Gangs have been terrorizing the area where Pastor Julio serves and there is much lawlessness, which cost the life of his son.





**KHALIL, Fawzi Egypt**

**YWAM (Youth With A Mission)**

With war on every side, Fawzi continues to travel throughout the devastated and dangerous area in order to present the Gospel to Palestinians, Sudanese and Syrians. They visit 105 families every week with food and blankets. In January they delivered the last of the blankets and have asked for help to get more. Many are women and children whose husbands/fathers were killed in the fighting. They often live without cover and winter has come. Fawzi leads a healing ministry and reports a woman who came unable to straighten her back when she walked came for prayer. A short time later she returned, walking upright to show them that God had healed her. Christ Venice giving has sent blankets, medicine and other relief supplies as well as provided housing for those with no cover in the cold winter.



*"God had only one Son, and He was a missionary."*

David Livingstone, physician, missionary to Africa, anti slavery

**MUSTAJAJ, Luli & Hannah Albania**

**Teach Beyond & World Gospel Mission**

Luli and Hannah, whose father was a former pastor in Venice, live and minister in the village of Vlashaj, where Luli grew up. Luli became a Christian through the ministry of YWAM and, at the age of 15, began reading the Bible and translating it for his people. Today, he still translates for other missionaries. Hannah teaches fifth grade at GDQ International Christian School outside the capital city of Tirana. Together, they lead an Alpha class for teenagers, a Kids Club, and oversee other outreach programs in the village. Luli coaches a futbol team and does physical training for adults with disabilities. Albania is a declared atheist country that was Communist until the nineties. Today, many in south Albania identify as Christian, and in the north as historical Muslims but most are non-practicing. Their mission is to bring the Albanian people to Christ.



**MILLER, Harry (Hank), Deby & Asher**

**One Middle East Agency (OMEA)**

When the Millers started their congregation in northern Israel in 2021 there were 15 members. Today, there are more than 40, including eight children ages 2-8. The war has directed their efforts to bring Christ to the people through humanitarian aid. They minister daily to new immigrants, Arabic, Druze, Russian, Ukrainian, Argentinean and Brazilian families.

They purchased 3 bomb shelters to hold 60 people, traveled treacherous roads to take food and water to reserve duty soldiers and helped hundreds of families to have food. They started a podcast and an online Hebrew school for immigrants. Three students, Cuban and Argentinean, have given their lives to Christ. They are raising money for a church building with a humanitarian aid wing, classrooms and a daycare center.



*"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for him."* C.T. Studd  
missionary to China, established Heart of Africa Mission

**MOTAKATLA, Pastor Daniel**

**New Covenant Ministry - India**

This past summer there were heavy rains and floods and hundreds of people were drowned and washed away. Many people are suffering with viral illnesses from the stagnated water left behind. "Still we are doing well, by the grace of God" reported Pastor Daniel. The ministry travels to different villages, where five people accepted Christ through water baptism. They handed out 5 goats to needy families, gave a leg peddled sewing machine to the pastor's wife. Once a year all the elderly get new cloths from our ministry and the NCM's pastors also got their new cloths as Christmas gifts. We had a 3 day fasting prayers, where all the pastors gather and on the third day, we had baptisms followed by the ordination of my son Samuel.

