



# Missionaries Faith Supports

At Faith we have chosen to support missionaries doing a variety of ministries. We strive to support our missionaries with prayer and finances, as well as care for them in special ways while they are home. We have five priorities in determining whom we support:

- They have a connection with Faith Church.
- Their ministry has a local church emphasis.
- Their ministry is focused on reaching the unreached with the gospel of Christ.
- They can provide short-term opportunities (trips/internship) for us.
- They are proven to be effective in ministry.

If you have questions, please email us at [missions@faithchurchfc.org](mailto:missions@faithchurchfc.org).

## RANDY & JAN BABCOCK



Randy and Jan joined the staff of International Students, Inc., in 2000 and have been part of the ministry at Colorado State University in Fort Collins since then. CSU has many international students, scholars, and researchers representing countries from all around the world.

The Babcocks' goal is to share Christ's love with international students. They do this by working through the local church to encourage individuals to use their gifts and talents to touch the lives of international students. The ministry serves students and meets their needs through the STUFF Give-Away and weekly Conversational English Practice. Randy and Jan help students connect with American culture through many activities and events. They also engage students through reading and discussing the Bible together and through inviting (and bringing) students to worship with them at church.

This is a great opportunity to impact the world by impacting the lives of the students here on our doorstep!

### Prayer and Praise

- *Pray for wisdom as we minister to students and equip volunteers.*

For more information on International Students, Inc., visit [internationalstudents.org](http://internationalstudents.org).

## MARK & AMY CHASE



The Chase family moved to Bratislava, Slovakia in 2012. Many years earlier, while Mark and Amy were students at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, God began stirring in their hearts a desire to see the region of Central and Eastern Europe reached with the gospel of Christ. After twenty years of full-time worship ministry here at Faith Church, God ignited this desire in their children's hearts too, and soon they became a family on mission in Slovakia and joined Josiah Venture. Three years ago, Mark and Amy took the step of faith and began a new project through Training Center Kompas (JV's partner organization in Slovakia) called University Treehouse, a life-on-life discipleship ministry where students live in their home with the goal of becoming deeply rooted and fruitful disciple-makers. Currently, Amy also leads Slovakia's summer internship program, they both serve in their local church in a variety of ways, and they help lead Bratislava Spieva (Sings) Gospel, a musical community where the unchurched can encounter the living Christ.

Mark and Amy's growing family live all over the world, which makes getting together a little more challenging but all the more a precious gift. Allyson and her husband Shane live in Cork, Ireland with their son. Haley and her husband Caleb live in Vlore, Albania with their three children. Ian lives in Chicago, Illinois. Gavin and his wife Katie live in Princeton, New Jersey with their daughter.

### Prayer requests:

- We desire bold faith that permeates every moment in our daily lives. Pray that we don't shrink back from sharing the gospel's hope with those who desperately need to hear the good news.
- Pray that we would love generously and care deeply, faithfully stewarding God's grace as we serve others and build relationships with those in our spheres of influence.
- Pray that whatever we do in word or deed, we do with excellence and to the glory of Christ our King, giving thanks through him to God the Father.
- Pray that we become more like Jesus, adhere to the truth, and do good works that glorify him alone. Pray that we live with integrity by the power of Christ alive in us.
- Pray for the young Slovak leaders living in our home in this 3rd year of University Treehouse. Pray that we would take every opportunity to encourage them to become more and more like Jesus.

For more information on Josiah Venture, visit [josiahventure.com](http://josiahventure.com).

## CHRIS & MARCI CONRADSON



Chris and Marci serve with an international mission organization. Chris is the Regional Director of Eastern Europe and the Director of Children's Ministries. The vision of this organization is to glorify God by multiplying followers of Jesus in the spiritually darkest places in the world. The organization exists to mobilize the body of Christ to evangelize the lost and equip local believers to multiply disciples and healthy churches among unreached peoples and/or in restricted access communities. Chris works with local believers and national partners to start church planting movements and equip disciples to take the gospel to the unreached people throughout the region. Chris also leads the global ministry to reach children and their families with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### Prayer and Praise

- *Pray for the development of the Eastern Europe team—for mobilized field missionaries, field leaders, national partners and church planters.*
- *Pray for the unreached people groups throughout the Balkan region of Europe.*
- *Pray for the spiritually seeking to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ in Eastern Europe.*
- *Pray for the quickly developing children's ministry and meeting the needs of the field—training children's ministry leaders and reaching children and families with the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## BRUCE & KAREN DUELL



Bruce and Karen were commissioned by the EFCA as urban missionaries in 1988 and have been involved in church planting and outreach to the urban/ethnic poor of inner-city Denver since then. In order to relate to the people and reach them with the gospel, Bruce and Karen live in the inner city and get involved in the local schools and neighborhoods.

The Duells have four children and seventeen grandchildren.

### Prayer and Praise

- *Pray for safety for our members and our family in the neighborhood and schools. The crime rate has increased significantly in Denver, schools are very anti-Christian, and youth are struggling.*
- *Pray for opportunities to reach out to people and pray that we will be a light in the darkness.*

## MIKE & MELISSA



Mike and Melissa have been serving overseas as church planters amongst the unreached since 2005. They currently serve as Area Leaders for several West African countries, developing the church planting strategy amongst 8+ teams. Their work includes establishing new teams amongst unreached peoples, walking alongside current teams, and helping teams think through and navigate their team strategies while coordinating the various strategies amongst the teams they serve. They are coaches and mentors in the church planting process, providing pastoral care and assisting with any crisis that might arise. Beyond this, they continue to minister locally through long established relationships with local friends, and as they pursue new

opportunities to be in relationship with neighbors in the capital, and thus ministering through prayer, sharing the good news, Bible study, community health ministry, and partnering with and encouraging the local church.

Mike and Melissa have four children—Naomi, Gabriella, Lydia, and Levi. Naomi is currently in college, while the other three live at home and attend a nearby mission school.

### Prayer and Praise

- Pray for the Fulani, Hausa, Soninke, Wolof and other unreached peoples of West Africa.
- Pray for the teams we lead, that they would have wisdom in how to best engage the people the Lord brings across their paths, and that as they engage people that we would see disciple making movements to sweep across West Africa.
- Pray that the various media strategies we are using would be effective in leading people to faith and establishing house churches.
- While small in number, pray that local churches would have a vision for reaching unreached peoples, and that they would be empowered to reach out and serve the communities surrounding them.

## STEVE & MELANIE GALEGOR



After serving in post-Communist Albania from 1995 to 2000, the Galegors moved to the NYC Metro Area where they have established some of the first Albanian churches in North America. Their work is a partnership of BILD International, the Charis Fellowship of Churches and numerous local churches and individuals who are committed to seeing a strong network of Albanian churches and ministries in their European homeland and in the Global Diaspora.

Steve continues to travel throughout the year back to Albania, Kosovo and other parts of Europe to equip leaders and networks of churches to build fully church-based discipleship and leadership training programs. They offer ordered learning in community for new believers all the way to accredited doctoral degrees. The goal is to strengthen these churches and entrust them and the ongoing mission to the next generation of well-trained leaders in the “Way of Christ and the Apostles.”

The desire of the Galegors, now living in Indiana, is to see a movement of first-generation Albanian immigrant churches and partner ministries in the Northeast and Midwest, wherever there are substantial Albanian communities. Many churches now exist since they began work in 2000 and have formed a “brotherhood” of churches across the U.S. and Canada. Their hope and prayer is to see the work of the gospel that began with the opening of Albania in 1991 make progress in the Albanian Diaspora in the U.S. and beyond.

Steve and Melanie have been married since 1990 and have three adult children: Jonah, Emma and Caleb.

### Prayer and Praise

- *Pray for the Albanian churches and believers in the NY Metro area to have boldness and vision for their unbelieving friends as the population equivalent of 10% of Albania lives in NY.*
- *Pray for the resources and efforts underway to develop a strong and unified network of churches in Albania and Kosovo which Steve directs called the “Udha Albanian Network.” We are laying the foundations for the gospel’s spread to the 10 million or more Albanians worldwide.*

For more information on BILD International and its Antioch School visit [bild.org](http://bild.org) and [anitochschool.edu](http://anitochschool.edu).

## KELLY & DONNA HARGAN



Kelly and Donna have been serving with Josiah Venture (JV) since 2007. After ten years leading the team in Latvia and a successful hand-off of the national organization to a young national couple in January 2017, the Hargans were able to take on new roles in JV leadership.

Continuing to have a passion for working with young leaders and deeply inspired by JV's vision to work through the local church in Central and Eastern Europe discipling young leaders who will transform their countries, Kelly and Donna took on new roles equipping and enabling workers called to the harvest in JV's sixteen countries of ministry. Today, their responsibilities include overseeing all aspects of JV's mobilizing organizations in Canada, the United Kingdom and America.

Their heart is to be part of the answer to Jesus' prayer for more workers in the harvest (Matthew 9:38).

### Prayer and Praise

- *Our team is distributed across three countries and four time zones which is both strategically advantageous and logistically challenging. Pray that we will lead well and that our team will be unified and effective.*
- *In summer of 2023, JV will lead more than 100 evangelistic camps. Pray for much lasting evangelistic and leadership fruit.*
- *In 2022, we launched the JV Leadership Lab in the US to invest in partner churches and help them develop fruitful disciple-making youth ministries. Pray for much kingdom fruit.*
- *Pray for us to serve with God-honoring excellence in our ministry and for an end to the war in Ukraine as our team continues to serve there faithfully and boldly.*

For more information on Josiah Venture, visit [www.josiahventure.com](http://www.josiahventure.com).

## BRAD & THEA JENSEN



Brad and Thea Jensen serve with Refugee Oasis in Nantes, France. The goal of Refugee Oasis is to offer the love of Jesus to thousands of refugees by helping them in practical ways as they are in major transition between their home countries and a new start. This includes providing a safe place to build relationships and community, to learn French and English, and to find resources for starting over. Brad and Thea serve RO by mobilizing individuals and churches from Europe and North America to serve and support these refugees.

### Prayer and Praise

- *Pray for the refugees. Pray they find hope, a safe community and the love of Jesus when they arrive in Nantes.*
- *Pray that God will continue to bring people to serve the thousands of refugees in France.*
- *Pray for us and our team as we acclimate to a new culture and language.*

For more information go to [www.refugeeoasis.org](http://www.refugeeoasis.org).

## CALEB & HALEY PATTY



Caleb and Haley moved to Albania in 2018 with Josiah Venture to work in and alongside local churches to reach the next generation of Albanian youth with the hope of the gospel. They are praying for a disciple-making movement among the youth of Albania that results in society-transforming communities rooted in multiplying local churches. The Pattys are serving on a multicultural team with two Albanian couples (Muhametis and Bimajs) and a young man named Xhoni who is Caleb's summer ministry apprentice. They live in the city of Vlore, working to develop ministry models in their church as they also empower other church leaders in their region of southern Albania. Caleb and

Haley are particularly passionate about the people in their direct community and city who are in need of Jesus. It is a great privilege for them to join God in loving and shepherding those who have no hope, who are afraid and who are hurting.

## Prayer and Praise

- *Praise God for two thriving youth ministries (junior high and high school) and for young leaders who are being disciplined and raised up to lead. Please pray for the coming three months while we entrust both ministries to leadership teams of young Albanians who will continue Jesus' multiplying discipleship mission with the next generation.*
- *Praise God for language and cultural acquisition for our family over the past five years and for a deep love for Albania and its people that comes from God. Please pray for increased influence and for discernment about where we can bring the most Kingdom value in partnership with God in our city, Vlore.*
- *Please pray for healthy rhythms of work and rest for us, particularly as we enter our busiest ministry season this summer.*
- *Please pray for our family's monthly support, that God would provide abundantly for our needs as well as the needs of the ministries we help finance and support.*
- *Please pray for the young leaders we will be equipping and sending out to proclaim the gospel in Albania this summer, that they (and we) would not be ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.*

For more information on Josiah Venture, visit [josiahventure.com](http://josiahventure.com).

## DAVE & CONNIE PATTY



Since November 1993, Dave and Connie have lived in the Czech Republic where they began the work of Josiah Venture. Dave serves as president of this ministry, which reaches the next generation and discipled young leaders in 16 countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Connie leads the JV Prayer Room project. They have three adult children, two daughters-in-law, and six grandchildren.

In a typical year, the JV team shares the gospel with at least 25,000 young people, sees over 2,000 put their faith in Christ and trains 6,000 leaders. Their vision is for a movement of God among the youth of the region, one that finds its home in the local church and transforms society.

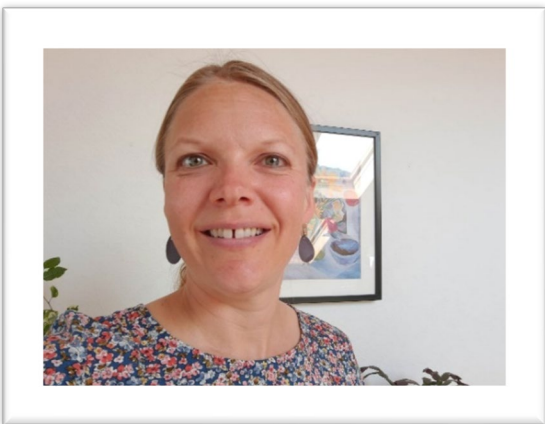
Currently only 1% of the young people in this region know Jesus Christ as Savior. Dave and Connie's desire is to see that change, resulting in churches full of young people who will be disciplined into a new generation of leaders.

### **Prayer and Praise**

- *Pray for leaders in JV—the Executive Team and the 16 country leaders—that God will give them wisdom to shepherd JV staff to evangelize, disciple and lead young people to living faith in Jesus across Central and Eastern Europe.*
- *Two-thirds of JV staff are national missionaries serving in their own countries. Pray for God to call even more nationals to effectively reach young people with the gospel. Pray that God will supply all of the resources needed to fulfill this calling.*
- *Pray for the new event center that we want to build at Malenovice, our training center in the Czech Republic: we have spent ten years applying for building permits and being denied because of neighbors opposed to the project. We are in another round of application with city and country officials; pray that God will grant us favor in this much-needed project to expand our capacity for training young leaders.*

For more information on Josiah Venture and the JV Prayer Room, visit [josiahventure.com](http://josiahventure.com) and [pray.josiahventure.com](http://pray.josiahventure.com).

## **KAREN RAMSE**



Karen serves at Black Forest Academy in Germany which provides a Christian education to children of missionary families. Karen ministers to the 50+ middle school students through teaching math, science, advisory/study hall and art. She loves interacting with students who come from all over the globe.

### **Prayer and Praise**

- *Pray that the light of Christ would shine throughout the school and into the German community around us. A number of English-speaking missionaries serve through the school, other ministries, or serving refugees in our community.*
- *Looking back on almost 12 years at Black Forest Academy, I am so grateful for God's guidance, provision, and blessing. God has directed my steps, has provided supportive family, friends and church community, has given opportunity for professional growth and language learning, and has always drawn me closer to him.*
- *Please pray for wisdom as I start a new year. For my students and for discernment as I teach and share Christ with my students.*

For more information on Karen's ministry, visit <https://teachbeyond.org/support/karen-ramse/>

## ANDRÉS & KAYLA BARRETO



Kayla grew up in Colorado, attended Faith's college group, and served on a number of short-term mission trips. Andrés grew up in Colombia, South America, graduated from World Reach Bible Institute, and began serving in his local church. A few years later, he had the opportunity to go to Ecuador on a long-term mission trip, and that's where he and Kayla met. They served together in Ecuador for a year before moving to Colombia in 2018 and starting their life together.

Today Andrés is the Colombia Field Director for World Reach and helps lead the Bible institute. Together they are planting a church in south Bogotá. Andrés serves as pastor, and Kayla helps run the children's ministry. They have one daughter.

### Prayer and Praise

- *Pray for God's wisdom as we continue planting a church in Bogotá, Colombia—that God would lead and guide our steps as we teach kids, youth, and adults about what it means to have a relationship with Him.*
- *Pray for God's protection and provision for our family (spiritually, financially, and physically).*
- *Pray for wisdom as we navigate the challenges of parenting.*

For more information on World Reach, visit <https://world-reach.org/en/>.

## ANNIKA VAN FAROWE



Annika serves with Refugee Oasis in Nantes, France. The goal of Refugee Oasis is to offer the love of Jesus to thousands of refugees by helping them in practical ways as they are in major transition between their home countries and a new start. This includes providing a safe place to build relationships and community, to learn French and English, and to find resources for starting over.

Annika is RO's language class coordinator who makes sure that RO's volunteers have everything they need as they step in to serve refugees with French and English classes.

### Prayer and Praise

- *Pray for the refugees. Pray they find hope, a safe community and the love of Jesus when they arrive in Nantes.*
- *Pray that God will continue to bring people to serve the thousands of refugees in France.*
- *Pray for me as I acclimate to a new culture and language.*

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## BRITTANY OSTERBERG



Brittany serves with Refugee Oasis in Nantes, France. The goal of Refugee Oasis is to offer the love of Jesus to thousands of refugees by helping them in practical ways as they are in major transition between their home countries and a new start. This includes providing a safe place to build relationships and community, to learn French and English, and to find resources for starting over.

Brittany is RO's Volunteer Coordinator. Her job is to make sure all the volunteers who serve with RO, whether they are from France or the US, have everything they need to serve refugees.

### Prayer and Praise

- *Pray for the refugees. Pray they find hope, a safe community and the love of Jesus when they arrive in Nantes.*
- *Pray that God will continue to bring people to serve the thousands of refugees in France.*

- *Pray for me as I acclimate to a new culture and language.*

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## GEOFF & TRISH KAHLER



Geoff and Trish serve with Refugee Oasis in Nantes, France. The goal of Refugee Oasis is to offer the love of Jesus to thousands of refugees by helping them in practical ways as they are in major transition between their home countries and a new start. This includes providing a safe place to build relationships and community, to learn French and English, and to find resources for starting over.

Geoff and Trish serve as RO's Operations Team. They make sure each of the centers are well-equipped to welcome and help refugees.

### Prayer and Praise

- *Pray for the refugees. Pray they find hope, a safe community and the love of Jesus when they arrive in Nantes.*
- *Pray that God will continue to bring people to serve the thousands of refugees in France.*
- *Pray for us and our team as we acclimate to a new culture and language.*

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