



March 15, 2020

An Amazing Team
Tim Stafford

First Presbyterian has an amazing team of missionary partners and associates, whom we support financially, pray for regularly, and interact with personally. As chair of the Mission Team, I know them all. I don't know a finer group—none so caring, thoughtful, capable, inspiring. It is the desire of our mission leadership to make them better known to you.

Most of them live and/or work overseas which means we don't see them regularly. Yet they are part of us, and part of our mission. Our faith can't be limited to one community. God cares for every single person in the world. Our mission partners represent us in this global family.

Let me tell you about three of our mission partners:

"Molly" is what we call a young, single woman living and working in an Asian country that doesn't welcome missionaries. Her professional qualifications give her other reasons to be there, but her true reason is her calling to a particular group of people, numbering in the millions, who have no church or other access to knowing Jesus. She lives with them, learning their language, making friends, and looking for opportunities to serve in the name of Jesus. "Molly" is a gentle, kind and unimposing person, but she is unstoppable.

Dusty Ellington was once a youth intern in our church, but now he and his wife Sherri serve in Zambia, Africa. Dusty is as humble a person as you will ever meet, though he graduated from Stanford and earned a PhD in New Testament from Duke. He teaches in Justo Mwale University, training pastors who will upon graduation serve a church (or churches) with thousands of members. When you talk to Dusty, his love for the African church is palpable; and he has insights to share with us based on that cross-cultural exposure.

Jeff Johnson was our youth pastor when Dusty was his intern. Many of us know Jeff as the (former) pastor of The Cove, our daughter church. Always full of visionary surprises, Jeff has moved to Young Life, an organization that reaches out to high school and middle school students who have little or no exposure to church or faith. That's missionary work in Sonoma County!

We Care

Our love and prayers are with:

- ◆ The family of Mary Ann Walker who passed away March 6 in Petaluma. A memorial is being planned here at church.
- ◆ Catie Flowers and her family in the loss of her father Christopher Boyle who passed away March 9 in Spokane, WA.
- ◆ Donna & Pete Murphy and Greg and Kelly Murphy in the loss of Donna's mother who passed on March 7.

Our Missionary Partners



Chumley & Connie Eckerle

Chumley and Connie have given a lifetime of service to support Bible translation. Having served in Papua, New Guinea and Thailand, they now provide support services for those training to be translators at Dallas International University, part of Wycliffe Bible Translators.

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Kurt & Laura Thiel

Kurt and Laura help identify, train and support missionaries working in universities all over the world through InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

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Dustin & Sherri Ellington

Dusty and Sherri live in Zambia as Presbyterian Church missionaries, where Dusty teaches at Justo Mwali University and Sherri coordinates youth mission volunteers who are spending a year with local families.

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"Molly"

Molly is a professionally trained physician's assistant living in a part of Asia where Jesus' name is not known. She befriends, helps, and cares for a wide circle, living and sharing her faith wherever she can.

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Greg & Kristi Fauss

Greg and Kristi live in Berlin, Germany, providing leadership support to a local German church and outreach ministries to refugees.

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Dave & Daphne Fisher

Dave and Daphne live in Portugal where they encourage a local church, but devote most of their time helping lead and care for missionaries through Communitas - a church-planting organization in Europe.

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Jeff Johnson

Jeff is the director of Young Life Sonoma County, where he leads a team that invests in high school and junior high school students while sharing the love of Jesus.

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Megan & Brian Meyers

Brian and Megan and their four daughters live in Berra, Mozambique. As an ethnomusicologist, Megan works with Christian musicians who lead worship in local churches; she helps administer a school she and Brian founded. Brian is an ER physician training and discipling Mozambican doctors.

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Donald & Elizabeth Sendek

Don and Elizabeth live in Medellin, Colombia, where they serve as leaders in a seminary which trains pastors and church leaders across Central and South America. Elizabeth currently serves as rectora, or president.

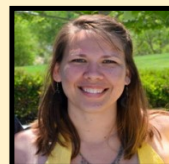
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Joe Thackwell

Joe and his family live in Los Angeles, California where he leads faculty and grad student ministries for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. He began his ministry on the USC campus and now seeks to serve universities nationally in a Christ-like way.

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Laurel Thiel

Laurel lives in Sacramento, California where she oversees student ministries in conjunction with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

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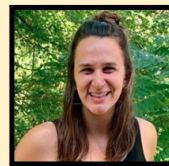
Our Missionary Associates



Bob & Jan Blincoe

Bob and Jan live in Phoenix, Arizona where they lead Frontiers Mission, which sends mission teams to share Jesus with Muslims in places where there is no church.

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Emily Hebling

Emily lives in Berlin, Germany, and serves with the mission team in conjunction with a local German church's outreach to locals and resettled refugees.

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