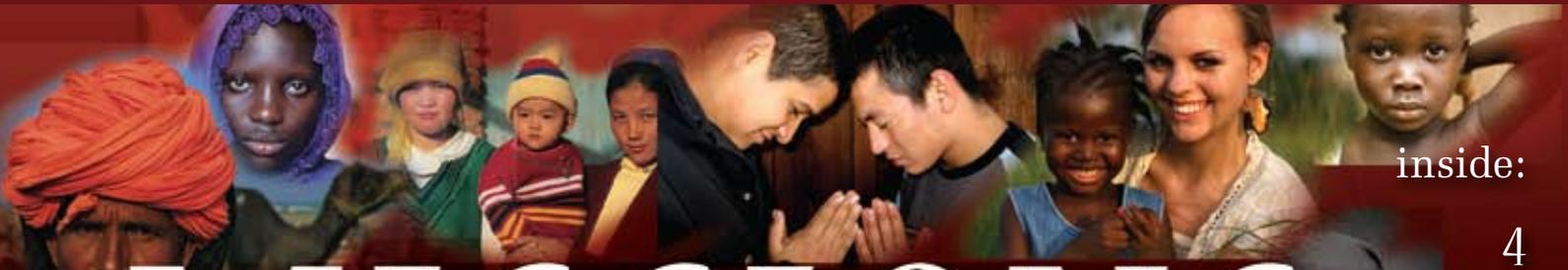


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# The Bottom Line

## What 'in the World' Are We Doing?

JOE DUINICK | Rhema Missions Director

As believers, we've been instructed to be "in the world" but not "of the world." So, an important question for us to ask is, "What are we supposed to be doing while we are in the world?"

Before Jesus returned to Heaven, He gave an assignment to the disciples. We know the assignment as the Great Commission. Simply stated, the Great Commission is the mandate given to all believers to take the Good News to the world and make disciples of people from all nations.

It's interesting to note that this assignment is not called the "Great Suggestion," which would imply that our participation is optional. No, this co-mission is a required joint operation involving the head, Jesus Christ, and His body—believers living on the earth. It is a mission to reach out to lost humanity, share the Gospel message of redemption, and bring lives back into relationship and fellowship with their Creator.

The question for us today isn't, *Do we have a responsibility in this amazing mission?*; it's rather, *How do we participate?*

In this issue of *Connections*, we will look at ways in which some Rhema family members are joining in the mission. We trust that this will be a blessing and that it will encourage all of us to get more involved with the plan of God. We all have a significant part to play in this exciting mission. May the Great Commission not be a great "omission" in any of our lives.

Joe Duinick  
Rhema Missions Director

## Partnership

**part•ner•ship:** Two parties mutually contributing for a common goal

When I think of partnership, I think of the Olympic pairs skating competition. The partners plan, train, practice, and then perform together. Unity and mutual understanding are needed at every step of the process, and both members have to be excellent for the team to succeed. Each one does his or her individual part, yet when the two parts fit together perfectly, there is an award-winning, beautiful performance.

Wouldn't we think it strange if the male member of the team got angry because the female member didn't hold him above her head or throw him for a great jump? Of course we would. Why? Because that's not her responsibility on the team. One part is not more important than the other, but the parts are definitely different. And, although they are different, they are complementary—a perfect fit.

In working together on the Great Commission, let's be partners with one another. If we identify our individual roles, find those we "fit" with, train diligently, and perform with excellence, we can change this world one life at a time.



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# As Every Joint Supplies ...

*“... from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”*

—Ephesians 4:16 (NKJV)

## How You Can Get Involved in the Great Commission!

Whether we are goers or senders, helpers or preachers, we all have a supply!

Here are the journeys of some of your fellow grads who have found a way to get involved in the Great Commission, some without ever leaving the country.



**Sarah Van Dreese**  
(’05, ’06, ’08)

*Student, Southwestern  
Christian University*

When I came to RBTC, missions was barely on my radar. But as I heard different people share, God began activating things in my heart. By the time I went on my first overseas trip, my heart was captured for the nations. Seven years, 15 trips, and eight countries later, my focus continues to be on going into all the world. Jesus came for the nations, so I go to the nations. I also oversee the stateside office for a missionary couple in Asia. That’s another way to “go.” Even when I’m overseas, many of the missionaries’ greatest needs are practical. I help with office work, website development, and home-schooling. Preaching and teaching are needed, but there are many other ways to help.

[www.Pro-VisionInternational.com](http://www.Pro-VisionInternational.com)

### Looking to support a Rhema missionary?

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### Stephen Yoder ('88, '89)

*President, Stark Truss Company and KHM Board Member*

My father and mother, Abner and Esther Yoder, started a foundation in the 1970s to support a children's orphanage in India. Over the years, as God has blessed our company, we've been able to give into the foundation and support 50 different ministries around the world on a monthly basis. The amazing thing is that our company is the only supporter of our foundation, and we've seen God sustain it over and over again. We've always proclaimed that our company is the Lord's, and during difficult times in the construction industry, we've stood on the Word knowing that God is our CEO and we are merely His stewards. God has *always* been faithful to provide! We are honored to be a small part of what God is doing around the world. [www.StarkTruss.com](http://www.StarkTruss.com)

#### Here's a Thought . . .

Don't be satisfied with just making enough to pay your bills and have a nice life. Use your gifts to make a LOT of money and finance the advancement of the Gospel! Think bigger than you have before.



### Gary and Cindy Shotton ('83, '84)

*Owner/Operator, Auto-Turn Manufacturing*

God, missions, and the businessperson—do these go together? They do for us. In 1984, we started a moving and storage business. Then in 2006 we bought a machine shop. We have always been in business full-time, but missions is a core part of our lives. In 1999 we founded a nonprofit corporation, the *Global Business Success Foundation*, which conducts business missions trips. We've taken trips with more than 100 people to more than 30 countries. Our vision is to identify and develop Christian business leaders who will use the resources in their countries to fulfill the Great Commission. [www.gbsf.org](http://www.gbsf.org)

"The Christian is not obedient unless he is doing all in his power to send the Gospel to the heathen world."

—A. B. Simpson



### Steven ('03, '04) and Jamie ('98, '99) Jones

*Owner/Operator, Tulsa Renew*

As a family and as business owners, we take our calling to fund the end-time harvest seriously. We feel that finances should never be a reason for someone to miss a missions opportunity. Sometimes we pray for direction and sometimes we just see a need and meet it. Sometimes we fund website reconstruction. Just as people are anointed and gifted to minister the Gospel, we feel we are anointed and gifted to send people. Lives can be changed all over the world just because you are willing to work and sow. The reality is, people's eternal destinies are changed from hell to Heaven because of the believer who is willing to put his money into the hands of the ones who are called to go. [www.TulsaRenew.com](http://www.TulsaRenew.com)

# As Every Joint Supplies ...



**John and Cindy McKinney ('85, '86)**

*Claims Adjuster,  
CompSource / Social Worker,  
TrestleTree, Inc.*

While we were at RBTC, the seed of missions that was in our hearts grew. After graduation we became pastors and talked often to our congregation about the lost in other countries. In 2006 we resigned as pastors and now lead the “Called to the World” L.I.N.K. team at Rhema Bible Church. Members include everyone from those interested in missions to missionaries who have returned from the field. We take a short-term missions trip once a year. We’ve also found ways to help missionaries—by sending notes of encouragement or Christmas cards, supporting them with prayer and finances, and serving them in any other way we can. If they are in town, we try to meet with them. We continue to impart a vision for missions to people, and we stay open to God’s plan for us.



**Sharon Graske ('97, '98, '01)**

*Teller, F & M Bank*

When I came to Rhema, I was deciding whether to begin a new career or head in the direction of missions. The career-testing results didn’t capture my heart, nor could I see investing my life in them. So I told the Lord, “I’ll go in the direction of missions until I can’t go any further.” I’d traveled to several nations before Rhema, I’ve been to several since, and I’ve lived in Africa for six months. I work a job but not a career. It allows me to invest my gifts and talents in volunteering at Rhema School of World Missions. Missions used to be my destination, but now it’s my journey. I navigate it with purpose and on purpose. And I’ll keep going in the direction of missions until I can’t go any further . . .

## “I’m just a regular person . . . what can I do?”

The Bible says we all have a significant place in the Body of Christ—sometimes it just takes some time to believe this and then locate it. Ask the Lord what He would have you do, and then do it with all your heart. The important thing is that you find a way to engage in the Great Commission.



**Joe ('88, '89, '04)  
and Karen ('88, '89, '01) Davies**

*Pharmacist, Walgreens / Volunteer*

We have four grown children, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild due soon. We started giving to missionaries when our oldest son, Joe, graduated from RBTC and became a missionary to Portugal. Then we went to RBTC along with our daughter Brenda, who became a missionary to Estonia. Rhema opened our hearts wide to missions. We give to some missionaries regularly and also to many others through one-time gifts—as Second Corinthians 9:7 says, “Giving as we purpose in our heart.”

“The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become.”

—Henry Martyn, missionary to India and Persia



### Hannah Hinton ('04, '05)

*Invoicing Associate, Walmart*

I started Rhema with no desire to work in ministry. In my first year, a missions team's testimony had me in tears wanting to be involved. I went on the next trip, even though I'd never led anyone to the Lord. I didn't have the funds to go, but God provided. While in Peru I prayed for a woman who was instantly healed! I knew then I was doing God's will.

After graduation, I was frustrated for a while, working a secular job and feeling like God had me "on the shelf." But then I volunteered with an international organization doing office work and went on a trip to Asia. Right now I work a secular job and don't believe I'll live overseas full-time, but I still feel the pull to travel on short trips to be of assistance to missionaries.

"God is a God of missions. He wills missions. He commands missions. He demands missions. He made missions possible through His Son. He made missions actual in sending the Holy Spirit."

—George W. Peters

MISSIONS: How You Can Get Involved



### Joe and Nicole Doran (both '90, '91)

*Owners, Glass Works Auto Glass*

Our heart for missions began in university and continued through our time at Rhema. Our first trips were to Eastern Europe, the former USSR, and

South and Central America. Since 2008 we've taken two or three trips a year, all while running our business. Last year we kept praying out "nations" and eventually came up with the idea of spending a year going around the world to help out different Rhema schools. So we leased out our house and began DORAN 365 MISSION. Our family is going around the world for 365 days, teaching and ministering in Bible schools, churches, and orphanages. We started in the South Pacific, and are moving on to Australia, Asia, India, Africa, and Europe. We're homeschooling our kids (Megan, 16; Lindsay, 14; and Luke, 10) and enjoying the family time that has been created from living out of suitcases in close quarters.

[www.facebook.com/doran.threesixfive](http://www.facebook.com/doran.threesixfive)

Here's an idea . . .

### 'Free Shipping'

Have you ever had a desire in your heart to impact the nations of the world, but felt restricted by finances, your job, family situations or simply the reality that God was not sending you? Well, there is actually a way you can be part of changing people around the world with the Gospel without ever leaving your home city. And the best news is, there is "free shipping" on the Gospel you are sending out.

What are we suggesting? Touch those from the international community that have come to your part of the world. When you minister to them, they will in turn carry the Message back to the nations they are from. They are a perfect fit to bring what they have learned to their home culture.

One place you can contact those from the international community is on our college campuses. Recent statistics show there are more than 700,000 international students on our college campuses in the U.S. These young people are looking for answers and are ready to hear new and different ideas—why not give them the best answers they could ever find?

So, whether you are meeting people at work, in your neighborhood or on a college campus, make a plan to reach this group of potential missionaries. Find a strategy to touch the lives of those in your world and then have them carry the Good News to their world with "free shipping."



# What Some Churches Are Doing

**W**e contacted some RMAI missionaries and asked them, “What churches have been great missions partners for you?” Listed below are some of the churches they named, and how those churches are doing their part in the Great Commission.



## **Mark and Rhonda Garver (both '89, '90)**

*Cornerstone Word of Life, Madison, Alabama*

[www.cwol.org](http://www.cwol.org)

From the very first service of our church, we have taken 10 percent of the general income and sent it to the mission field. We support those who have been raised up in our church and consider me their pastor, and we support those who are involved in Bible schools in foreign lands. Every year in November we look at many different people who meet these criteria. Then, based on 10 percent of our projected general income, we make a monthly commitment to each missionary.

### **We help by:**

- \* Sending a monthly monetary offering
- \* Praying. We have a missions prayer group that prays for each missionary on the foreign field. Our prayers are based on their prayer requests, general things we know they need, and the leading of the Spirit of God.
- \* Keeping them in front of our congregation. When we add a new missionary, we preach on missions and have a flag-hanging ceremony. Our kids dress up like nationals from that country and carry in their flag. The flag and a picture of our missionaries are hung in the sanctuary as a continual reminder.
- \* Doing video spotlights on missionaries during announcements and keeping a bulletin board where we post their newsletters.
- \* Having them minister in our church on a rotating basis. We can't have every missionary in every year because we currently support 14 of them.
- \* Celebrating their special occasions. We've done a baby shower in a box, Christmas for their children, and things for similar events to bless them.
- \* Traveling there. We've ministered at their schools and taken teams to hold conferences, preach crusades, or do street evangelism.

“The churches that sponsor missions conferences—putting a huge focus on all areas of missions—seem to be in a class above. When church members put a huge effort toward hosting missionaries—and then see so many in one place and hear so many missions stories from a diversity of ministries—their understanding of missions explodes and the finances for missions multiply. Pastors who host these conferences say that even their regular giving dramatically increases. And they also begin to be ‘sending churches,’ meaning missionaries come out of their ranks to go into many varied missions works.”

—From a missionary on the foreign field



### **Bobby and Stephanie Marks (both '90, '91)**

*Cornerstone Church, Dothan, Alabama*

[www.ccdothan.org](http://www.ccdothan.org)

Our vision for missions is real simple. We are told by the Lord to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all people. Since we are not all called to go, we feel it's important to partner with those who are, and to help them fulfill God's call on their lives.

#### **We help by:**

- ✓ Giving monthly financial support and praying for them regularly
- ✓ Having missions care groups at the church who contact our missionaries to see how they are doing and find out about any prayer needs they may have
- ✓ Sending missions teams to help build, teach in Bible schools, and conduct outreach through VBS and food distribution
- ✓ Having them minister at the church and share what the Lord is doing through their ministries
- ✓ Conducting a missions Sunday at the church about every six weeks highlighting the different missionaries that we support
- ✓ Sending "care packages" with things they may need or want



### **Sam and Sherlyn Smucker (both '77)**

*The Worship Center, Lancaster, Pennsylvania*

[www.worshipcenter.org](http://www.worshipcenter.org)

From the beginning of *The Worship Center*, we felt a call to the nations as a church. Missions is part of our DNA. Currently we support 44 missionaries who reach into 132 nations.

#### **We help by:**

- ✿ Giving about \$1.2 million to missions each year—about \$600,000 from the church budget and the rest from our partnership program (see box).
- ✿ Bringing our 40+ missionaries in for a Homecoming event every 3 years. We pay for the husband and wife's airline tickets. It's a 2-week event that includes a flag parade of nations and introductions. Each missionary has a station in our lobby area to promote their ministry. We also take them all on a 3-day retreat during that time and we pay for everything. An offering is received for that and divided up among the missionaries to use as they wish for shopping or whatever.
- ✿ Interviewing a missionary in Sunday AM service throughout the year, because we can't give individual attention to all of them at Homecoming. This helps the congregation learn more about each ministry. Our missionaries come home for this (or they're already here). They pay their own way, but we always receive an offering for them. Interviews usually take 8-10 minutes, we do about one a month in between Homecomings.
- ✿ Receiving special offerings for missionaries or disaster relief etc. two or three times a month on a regular basis. There is no pressure to give in these special offerings, but an opportunity to sow a seed into the lives of people or into a particular nation. This keeps missions in front of the people and builds in them a heart for the world.
- ✿ Taking short-term missions trips. Hundreds of our church members, including youth and young adults, have gone on missions trips. These are ministry, construction, and humanitarian trips. We do water drilling projects, train natives in agriculture, send medical teams, and so forth.
- ✿ Going overseas. I travel extensively doing pastors conferences, teaching in Bible schools, and doing church seminars in various parts of the world. In addition, my brother Dan and his wife do a lot of traveling to our missionaries to teach on various subjects in churches, Bible schools, and so forth.

**The partnership program** is where we encourage members of our congregation to partner with one or more of our missionaries. That means they:

1. Support them faithfully each month financially (above the tithe)
2. Pray for them regularly
3. Communicate with them consistently

# What Some Churches Are Doing

“Missions is not the ‘ministry of choice’ for a few hyperactive Christians in the church. Missions is the **PURPOSE** of the church.”

—Unknown



## Tim ('76) and Charmaine Phillips

*Grace Christian Center, Harrison, Arkansas*

[www.greatgrace.org](http://www.greatgrace.org)

Wherever a pastor places emphasis, the church people also place emphasis. As pastors, we talk about missions with passion, so our church recognizes the calling of God to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. When our church selects missionaries to support, it means more to us than sending a monthly check. It is a commitment, a partnership and, most of all, a relationship.

Wherever a pastor places emphasis, the church people also place emphasis.

### We help by:

- ▶ Giving consistent and significant monthly support. We support 10 or fewer missionaries because we would rather give a larger amount to fewer missionaries than smaller amounts to many. We review our support annually to see if it is still a good fit for both of us. **If we decide to remove a missionary from our support list, we give them six months' advance notice.** (They have budgets just as we do.) In our decades of missionary support, we have never missed a monthly gift. We gave our word.
- ▶ Encouraging members to participate in missions by giving, praying, or going. Every month, to encourage congregational support, we receive a missions offering.
- ▶ Taking a personal interest in our missionaries. We bless them with personal gifts and anniversary and birthday cards for their immediate family, especially their children.
- ▶ Visiting them. We endeavor to find out how we can best help them, and many times that means going to their site to teach, train, serve, or work beside them.
- ▶ Scheduling them to come to our church. They are given the full service to minister, report, and share vision. Church people have personal contact with them before and after the service. This encourages long-term relationships and increased engagement. We show care during their visit by hosting luncheons, giving gifts, honoring special occasions, and so forth.
- ▶ Praying regularly for them and keeping them before the congregation via a bulletin board. Posting missionaries' pictures and updates reminds the church people of our partnership.

“Although we have a relatively small church and are in a small community, we believe we can have a great impact on the world by doing our part to supply missionary laborers with the resources they need to reap the harvest.”

*Pastor Jeff Erlemeier*  
(’94, ’95), *Abundant Life Church, Harlan, Iowa*  
[www.alcHarlan.org](http://www.alcHarlan.org)

### Who's talking?

Here's an interesting fact: One of the top complaints from those who support missionaries is that they don't communicate regularly. One of the top complaints from missionaries is that their supporters don't communicate with them regularly! Hmmm . . . maybe this is something we can all work on! Great communication is a key to good marriages, good business relationships, and effective parenting—it's also a key for effective work within the Body of Christ. Let's work to be great communicators with each other, working together as every joint supplies.

“A congregation that is not deeply and earnestly involved in the worldwide proclamation of the Gospel does not understand the nature of salvation.”

—Ted Engstrom, *World Vision*

“‘Go ye’ is as much a part of Christ's Gospel as ‘Come unto Me.’ We are not even Christians until we have honestly faced our responsibility in regard to the carrying of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.”

—J. Stuart Holden

“The Church must send or the church will end.”

—Mendell Taylor



### Gene and Daryl Druktenis (both '80)

*New Life Family Fellowship, Santa Fe, New Mexico*

[www.NewLifeSantaFe.org](http://www.NewLifeSantaFe.org)

Missions is important because of the command of Christ. In all four Gospels and also in the Book of Acts, Jesus Christ gave us the Great Commission. It is never presented as an option to be considered but always as a mandate to be obeyed. For nearly 2,000 years, the marching orders of the church have been, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.” We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God.

#### We help by:

- ♥ Sending our church members on missions trips so they can truly experience the love of God and learn of the hardships and the victories.
- ♥ Supporting our missionaries financially. In 26 years we’ve never missed a payment. They can count on us to be faithful.
- ♥ Praying. We have a group of wonderful, loving people doing the part that was given to us.

#### Characteristics of a Great Supporting Church

- ★ **It provides faithful, significant financial support.**
- ★ **It maintains relationship.** The church strives to understand the heart of the mission and the heart of the missionary, and it works at regular, two-way communication.
- ★ **It gives compassionate care.** The church remembers the missionaries birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, and their children—when they are on the field and when they are home.
- ★ **It spreads the word about the mission to other churches and pastors.**
- ★ **It helps arrange ministry opportunities** when the missionary is home on furlough.
- ★ **It goes (or sends teams and equipment) to the mission field to help.**
- ★ **It prays** specific prayers for specific missionaries. The church receives the missionaries prayer requests and lets them know when they have been prayed for and what has been prayed for them.
- ★ **It gives missionaries ample opportunity** in the church to communicate the mission and form relationships.
- ★ **It provides for specific needs** when asked, if possible.
- ★ **It is aware of the missionary’s daily and long-term challenges.**

#### Check out some Rhema missionaries

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# C RBTC/RBC UPDATE



## RBTC

### Has a New Name!

At *Campmeeting 2012*, Rev. Kenneth W. Hagin announced that RBTC was changing its name from “Center” to “College.” According to Dean Tad Gregurich, there are several reasons for the change.

“More and more students are coming for three and four years within our various programs,” he said, “so we fully fit the current definition of a college. Plus, we’ve become increasingly known throughout the collegiate community as Rhema Bible College.”

He added that the name change doesn’t diminish the *training* aspect of Rhema Bible Training College. “We chose to keep ‘training’ as a key word, and to stay RBTC,” he said.

This change does not mean that RBTC is now an accredited college. “We have not pursued accreditation,” Dean Gregurich said, “in order to keep the program we feel is true to Rhema’s mandate: to ‘go teach My people faith’ and take part in the move of the Spirit in the last-days revival. But a number of accredited colleges and universities are accepting Rhema classes into their accredited degree programs.”

To find out which colleges accept RBTC course transfer credits into their programs, go to [www.rbtc.org/academics/accreditation](http://www.rbtc.org/academics/accreditation).

“All living, growing things must change.”

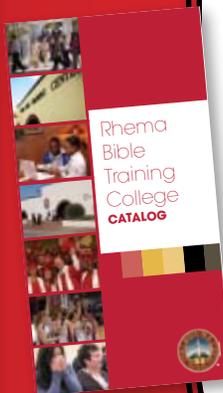
—John Murphy

### YOU CAN HELP!

Today there are people in your sphere of influence who are called to be trained at RBTC, just as you were.

Because you have access to them, *you* can help direct and encourage them to come to Rhema! Call us today at 1-866-312-0972 for some great RBTC recruiting materials to display or distribute in your church, ministry, or office.

With your help, more laborers can be trained for the last-days harvest!



### Alumni Fun at Campmeeting

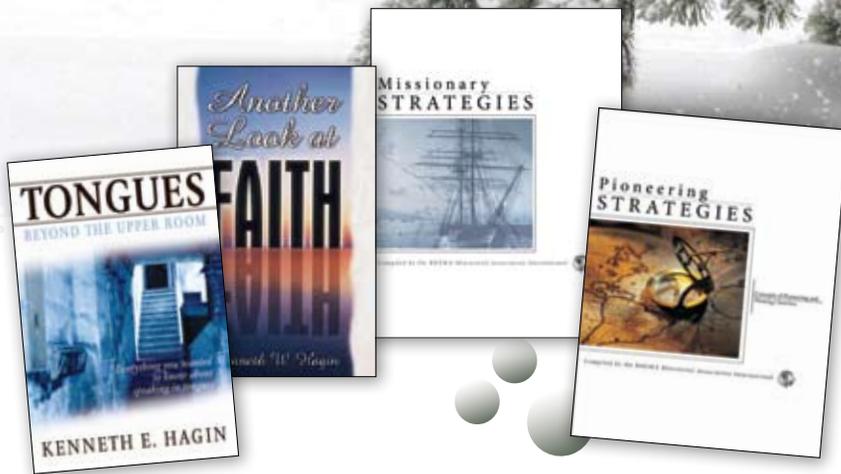
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## From the Missionary Point of View . . .

Most of us reading this magazine have never lived long-term outside of our home culture. As a result, it may be hard for us to understand life from the overseas missionary's point of view.

Recently, we emailed our RMAI missionaries asking for their responses to three questions. The comments below are a sampling of what was sent in.

We encourage you to listen to the hearts of these missionaries. Because of the wide variety of locations, living conditions, and callings, you'll notice that what's true for one is not necessarily true for another. Yet there are common threads in many of the comments.

In order for all of us to work together in fulfilling the Great Commission, it's important that we understand their hearts, knowing that as they live and minister away from family, home, and their native culture, they experience life in a very unique way.

## What do missionaries wish people knew?

- ✿ That prayer is what keeps a missionary healthy and refreshed. Being on the front lines, many times we are overly tired, and when something attacks our bodies we need faithful people covering us and establishing the Word over us.
- ✿ That "missionary work" has changed dramatically over the past few decades. The mission field is now much more brick and steel than grass huts and bamboo. The people do not need Bibles nearly as much as they need trained leaders to teach them the Bible. The modern missionary tends to live in a blur of planes, trains, and automobiles.
- ✿ That missionaries need to live, educate their children, take care of their families and, in many cases, *pay* to preach the Gospel in the third-world countries they live in. It usually costs two to three times more for a missionary to live in a second- or third-world country than in America. (For example, electricity is triple the cost, and gasoline, food, and cars are double.) In reality, it takes many thousands of dollars to support a family on the field and, on top of that, to pay for the ministry side of things.
- ✿ That if God calls us to a specific place, all of His grace is available to us. And it is a great blessing to be in the center of God's will.
- ✿ That furlough is not vacation. When missionaries come home from the field, they travel and itinerate and have grueling



hours. They are occasionally on the road for weeks at a time with kids in tow.

- ✿ That pastors can have a missionary in to preach or be introduced even if the church can't afford to give us an offering. Your introduction can be worth gold. There may be someone in the church who connects with our vision just because you gave the opportunity for us to be introduced from the platform or in a smaller church meeting.
- ✿ That a simple note of encouragement from a supporting church means the world to us. We know pastors receive much mail and many requests of all types. But when we communicate with them and hear nothing back, it makes us feel very disconnected. Even just a word of apology that the church can't help, or that you're praying for us, goes a long way.
- ✿ That missionaries on the field work harder than most people do. When a missionary comes home and is told, "If you don't stop by our church, we'll stop supporting you," it puts a lot of pressure on us. We have to itinerate in the States and then run back to the mission field to work again with no break. It would help if supporters could try to see the big picture and make things a little easier on the missionary.
- ✿ That most missionaries use much of their support just to live. Therefore, if a partner decides to drop support, it can even affect a missionary's food budget. Don't drop support flippantly, and always try to notify the missionary in advance. The effect can be great.

- ✿ That we don't always have hidden agendas when making new friends! Sometimes people are afraid of befriending missionaries because they fear that all we want is to beg for money. Not true!
- ✿ That in almost all the countries of the world, we foreigners are not allowed to earn money from a job, a business, or a church. The fact is, many of us who are missionaries would work a secular job if we could.
- ✿ That pastors can really help missionaries by recommending us to others. Several years ago, one of our Rhema brothers went to great lengths to call all his pastor friends and tell them about our missions work. He even worked to set up a ministry schedule in those areas where we didn't know anyone. What a huge blessing! We are still partners today with some of those churches.
- ✿ That God supplies our needs too. It's awkward when people act surprised that we are doing OK, let alone that we are doing well. Praise God, we too enjoy the prosperity that is offered to all of God's children through His great plan of redemption!
- ✿ That America is a blessed nation and also fairly isolated, so most Americans don't know what it's like in a foreign land, *especially* in a developing country. The things most Americans take for granted—electricity, clean drinking water, decent roads, good food, basic law and order—are issues we grapple with every single day. Even taking a missions trip is not the same as living here.
- ✿ How lonely it can be in a foreign country. We miss fireworks on the Fourth of July and roasting turkey at Thanksgiving. Even if the country we serve in is prosperous or the culture similar, there are times when isolation can envelop us like a dark cloud. If the Holy Spirit brings a missionary to mind, don't let that pass without sending a card or email, or making a phone call.
- ✿ That when we come home on furlough, there's never enough time to see everybody and we end up offending some friends. Please don't get offended if we can't visit you!
- ✿ That we are here! The adage "out of sight, out of mind" is true. It's wonderful when people give us some personal contact. Facebook has helped us to know what's happening in the U.S., but it still lacks that personal touch.
- ✿ That when we return home, we don't know all that has gone on while we've been away. We don't know the latest news, technology, trends, fads, movements, politics, fashions, and so forth. It takes a little while for us to catch up, if we can, so we need a little understanding.
- ✿ That being a missionary requires your whole life, not just your ministry time. Living by faith takes on an entirely new meaning in a foreign country, where for us to even rent a house requires a miracle. There is a fine line between passionate and crazy, and sometimes we missionaries need to be both!



## From one Rhema missionary couple who minister under cover in dangerous, Muslim-dominated parts of the world.



**The Great Commission is THE big deal of Christianity. It trumps everything else—every project, every program, every message.**

It is the Lord's mission statement for His church, and it shouldn't be left to just a few; it involves everyone. We must do all that is in our power to make sure the great epic of the Son of God coming to redeem mankind is told to every single person on the planet. It is not our job to convert them; it is our job to *tell* them.

People ask why we go to these dangerous parts of the world, and the answer is simple: it is unacceptable that there are people who are living and dying without knowledge of what Jesus has done for them. We can't accept that, and we just *have* to do something about it.



**And we *are* reaching them. Islam is *not* increasing! We are witnesses that it is crumbling from within. The Kingdom of God advances. That truth cannot be found on any news channel.** There are a bunch of us out here working in shadows. Please stand with us. [www.project1615.org](http://www.project1615.org)

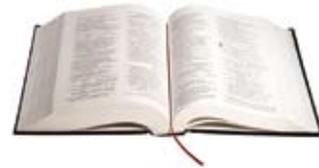
## What do awesome missions partners look like?

- \* They are faithful—in their giving, praying, and communicating. They remember the kids on their birthdays. They make sure their missionary has personal money at Christmas.
- \* Some of our best partners are known by their love. They just believe in us and the call that God has given us. They pray for us and give as the Spirit leads them. The best partners are great lovers before they are great prayers or givers. Our best partners are individuals rather than churches.
- \* They understand the cost of missions and give thousands to keep us on the field so we don't have to travel to raise money. (We prefer to be workers on the field, not professional fundraisers). We are thankful for churches who focus significant care and support on *one or two* missionaries, rather than spread themselves too thin over *many* missionaries. This makes more of an impact for the Gospel.
- \* They pray for us regularly and understand what we are doing. Awesome partners make the effort to communicate with us and keep up with what is going on in our life. They know our children's names and bless them when we come home on furlough.
- \* They bring needed equipment for their outreaches and leave it here when they go home. Ours also brought their youth (30) to mix with ours, then took some of our youth back for summer camp in the U.S.
- \* They help us find speaking engagements in the States to fund our work. (That is huge.)
- \* People who ask the Lord if there's something they should do for their missionary. We have one church who prays for us regularly and then emails us what they prayed. I also have some awesome partners who never forget my birthday. That means a lot.
- \* The best partners are friends, not just financial supporters. Missionaries are often in great need of friends who understand their challenges. Awesome partners are there to offer moral or psychological support, and to pray for us when we need help. The best financial supporters are those who give consistently and regularly.
- \* They make serious investments into world missions. They also make an effort to stay in touch with the missionary—sending



encouraging emails and remembering holidays. When a missionary is back in the States itinerating and raising support, an awesome partner invites him to preach in his church and tells others about him.

- \* They remember us every month. They're people we can count on for support. If they have to discontinue regular support, they let us know as far in advance as possible. (They don't just stop giving without any warning or explanation.)
- \* They're financial partners who know us personally and stick closer than a brother. This kind of relationship is developed when *we* are good communicators. (The relationship has to work both ways and not always be all about us and our needs.) Awesome partners know our birthdays and anniversaries, and they send an encouraging word when there's trouble. They are people of integrity who sincerely care about the lost in this world. They look at missions not as a program but as the way to reach the lost in areas where they cannot go themselves.
- \* They recognize that the responsibility of "going into all the world with the Gospel" belongs to the entire Body of Christ. If they cannot go, they can "send-go" on a level at which *they* would like to be supported if, in fact, they were the ones going.
- \* They let us know they received our correspondence and are praying for us. They are committed to give to missions and let us know how we can pray for them. They visit us on the field and invite us into their homes when we are on furlough.
- \* Their giving doesn't overstretch their budget, so we don't feel as if we're taking advantage of them. They visit us every five years or so to see what it's like. When we're home on furlough, they have us in to speak at their church and give us a whole service. They do this because they are sincerely connected with us and our foreign ministry.
- \* They are led by the Holy Spirit and give without being asked.
- \* Their financial support is not based on sensational reports, new projects, or slick newsletters, but on the call of God to support missionaries. They understand that missionary funds are not used exclusively for projects and evangelism but also for the needs of missionaries and their families. They also show an interest in the work, and they call, write, or come for a visit. They ask how things are going and how they can better help.



## What are your greatest challenges as a missionary?

❁ Every season has its unique set of challenges. Missions work for us could perhaps be broken down into three distinct seasons: planting, growing, and reaping.



❁ Dealing with different cultures, breaking traditional strongholds, and handling business issues as a foreigner.

❁ Assimilating into the culture and learning the language and lifestyle of the people. If I can get a feel for how someone thinks, I can know better how to touch his needs with the Word. The challenge is really connecting with people, not just relating as a minister. Missionaries need a feeling of connectedness or we may ultimately leave a country prematurely. We can't live like robots. The emotional well-being of the messenger is important.

❁ Living without medical or dental insurance or a retirement plan. These are challenges we accept as part of our walk of faith. The privilege of being here for Him is more than enough.

❁ Educating children. Remoteness. Combating the idea that missionaries should suffer and do without.

❁ Family life. Missionary children may grow up not knowing their grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and so on. Plus, they deal with cultural differences, language, and being the outsider/foreigner in school or other social circles like the neighborhood, work, sports, or shared hobbies.

❁ The continual pressure of financing the ministry work plus our own personal needs; lack of fellowship with people of faith; intense work schedules; being overwhelmed by the needs of the nation compared with our ability to meet those needs; maintaining regular contact with partners (getting good pictures, writing testimonials, creating quality info materials) while already working full-time on the mission field; the rising costs of getting the whole family back home on furlough.

❁ Financial support. Time has to be taken away from the work we love to raise the finances to support the work! And it hurts to know that we are often last on the list of importance with many churches when it comes to giving.

❁ Never being able to go somewhere to get refreshed. Pastors in the States have many opportunities to go to conferences to get built up. When you're the only ones giving

faith conferences, it's hard to stay encouraged. Most missionaries like us can't afford to go to the States often to get refreshed. On our trips home we live in the car and out of a suitcase most of the time, traveling hundreds of miles to share with supporting churches and trying to get into new churches. Usually the offerings cover our expenses, but we go back to the field empty-handed, with a promise of having faithful supporters during the next year. It would be so wonderful to go home and just rest, or go to a conference where we aren't the speakers.



❁ By far, lack of support is the greatest challenge.

❁ One of the greatest challenges on the field is building a ministry that will continue even if the missionary leaves. A lot of missionaries have run the ministry with the help of outside support. So when the missionary leaves, the funding for the work dries up. Another problem is that cultural barriers can become a hindrance in training locals and then trusting them to take on key responsibilities in the ministry.

❁ Challenges change from year to year. Sometimes it's been the lack of funds, or dealing with staff or students, or our health. Sometimes it's dealing with foreign governments, or the deaths of loved ones, or being far away from the family. But these challenges don't compare with the glory of knowing God's provision in it all. When you are 10,000 miles from home, and some of the things you have depended on aren't available, you truly learn to depend on God. A thousand challenges cannot compare with it! We have experienced the grace of God and developed a faith in Him that we would not have otherwise known. And that is heavenly gold—priceless!



### Looking for a place to partner? Here's a great way to start!

The RMAI Missionary Directory is where RMAI missionaries are encouraged to list information about what they do on the foreign field. Feel free to contact a few of them and see if you make a heart connection!

Check it out: [www.rhema.org/missions](http://www.rhema.org/missions)

# What About Short Term Missions?



## Joe Duininck

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Short-term missions can definitely be a double-edged sword.

On one hand, it can be a great tool to expose people to the world of cross-cultural ministry. It can provide an opportunity for people to get a “taste” of the exciting things God is doing around the world. And, in many cases, it can bring an infusion of great assistance to long-term missionaries.

On the other hand, those participating in short-term missions can get a very skewed perspective on what “real” missions is like. Also, when done incorrectly, short-term missions can do more harm than good to the resident missionaries and their work. And finally, short-term missions can be exciting, but if the overall experience is not managed properly, many who participate can become frustrated with what they find at their local church when they return home and ultimately end up out of church!

So, what to do? I believe there is an appropriate place for short-term missions within the overall scope of the Great Commission. But as with everything, there are right and wrong ways to do it.

## When can a short-term missions trip be positive?

1. When the team members have a heart to serve the vision of the ministry they are visiting, rather than just a personal agenda. (If your thought is, “I just love to travel,” then my recommendation is, “Go sign up for a cruise!”)
2. When the team members have the skill and training needed to provide something beneficial for the long-term missionary. For instance, if it’s a trip to build, it’s helpful to have skilled laborers. If it’s a trip to evangelize, it’s best to have ready and willing ministers, and so forth.
3. When the team is more flexible than Gumby and ready to do whatever needs to be done—without griping or complaining, but with a heart of joy.

## Some short-term missions ideas for the local church:

1. Have short-term missions be part of a comprehensive missions strategy rather than a special event.
2. Before you start doing short-term missions trips around the world, build partnerships with long-term missionaries.
3. Once you have a good partnership with a missionary, ask him or her if bringing a group on a short-term trip would be beneficial. If yes, go for it! If they’d rather have the money that the trip would cost the team, skip the trip and send the cash. Something to think about . . .

“We’re glad when churches send teams, but it is much easier when it is in coordination with an outreach we have already planned to do. This creates a win-win situation. When we have to create ministry opportunities for a group, it can take time away from what we are called to do.”

—From a missionary

# Missions Web Resources

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**These are a few resources available for missions. For a complete list call the RMAI office at (918) 258-1588, ext. 2349.**

## Airline Travel Information

International Fares  
[www.InternationalFares.com](http://www.InternationalFares.com)  
InterMissions World Travel  
[www.InterMissionsWorldTravel.com](http://www.InterMissionsWorldTravel.com)

## Insurance and Medical Information

Missionary Health—Insurance Services of America  
[www.MissionaryHealth.net](http://www.MissionaryHealth.net)  
Gallagher Charitable International Insurance Services  
(formerly Adams and Associates International)  
[www.aaintl.com](http://www.aaintl.com)

## Language Learning and Training

Travel Language and Tools  
[www.travlang.com](http://www.travlang.com)  
Live Mocha—Language Learning  
[www.livemocha.com](http://www.livemocha.com)

## Ministry to Missionaries

Christian Hospitality Network  
[www.ChristianHospitality.com](http://www.ChristianHospitality.com)  
Missionary Care  
[www.MissionaryCare.com](http://www.MissionaryCare.com)

## Missions Help Tools

Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Missions  
[www.stmstandards.org](http://www.stmstandards.org)  
Cultural Etiquette Around the World  
[www.ediplomat.com/np/cultural\\_etiquette/cultural\\_etiquette.htm](http://www.ediplomat.com/np/cultural_etiquette/cultural_etiquette.htm)

## Missions Organizations (Specialized)

Frontiers Missions—Outreach to Muslims  
[www.frontiers.org](http://www.frontiers.org)  
World Dental Relief  
[www.WorldDentalRelief.com](http://www.WorldDentalRelief.com)  
Blessings International—Medications for Missions  
[www.blessing.org](http://www.blessing.org)

## Missions Resource Directories

World Christian Resource Directory  
[www.MissionResources.com](http://www.MissionResources.com)

## Missions Resource Sites

Ask a Missionary  
[www.TheJourneyDeepens.com/askamissionary.asp](http://www.TheJourneyDeepens.com/askamissionary.asp)  
The Traveling Team  
[www.TheTravelingTeam.org](http://www.TheTravelingTeam.org)

## Missions Training

Agape Missionary Alliance  
[www.ama.cc](http://www.ama.cc)  
Missions Training International  
[www.mti.org/homepage.htm](http://www.mti.org/homepage.htm)

## Security and Safety

On Guard—Internet Security  
[www.OnGuardOnline.gov](http://www.OnGuardOnline.gov)  
Systematic Security Response (Computer Security)  
[SecurityResponse.symantec.com](http://SecurityResponse.symantec.com)

## Service Providers

Nation to Nation International  
[www.ntni.org](http://www.ntni.org)  
Bridge the Gap International  
[www.bgitulsa.org](http://www.bgitulsa.org)

## Shipping

Travel and Shipping  
[www.MissionFinder.org/travel.htm#shipping](http://www.MissionFinder.org/travel.htm#shipping)  
Tulsa World-Wide Services, Inc.—Air-Ocean Export  
PO Box 2293, Broken Arrow, OK 74013  
Phone: (918) 258-7145 / 1-800-270-6695  
Fax: (918) 258-6062

## Support-Raising Needs

TntMPD—Partner-Managing Software  
[www.tntware.com/tntmpd](http://www.tntware.com/tntmpd)  
People Raising—Fund Raising  
[www.PeopleRaising.com](http://www.PeopleRaising.com)  
The Body Builders—Support Raising  
[www.fim.org/body-builders-boot-camp](http://www.fim.org/body-builders-boot-camp)

## Technical and Communications

Federal Communications Commission—VOIP  
[www.fcc.gov/voip/](http://www.fcc.gov/voip/)  
Talk Bug—Internet Phone Service VOIP  
[www.talkbug.com](http://www.talkbug.com)  
Skype—Free Internet VOIP  
[www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com)  
Missionary Tech Support  
[www.MissionaryTechSupport.com](http://www.MissionaryTechSupport.com)

## U.S. State Department

U.S. Department of State  
[www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)  
Travel—Passport, Visas, etc.  
[travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
[wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx](http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx)

**Brigada Today** is a web journal offering resources, strategy tips, and tools to Great Commission Christians. Check it out at [www.brigada.org](http://www.brigada.org).



# Where Are They Now?

## 1979

**Jesten Peters ('79)** travels and ministers wherever doors are open to her. She has authored one book, writes articles for Christian magazines, and is currently studying for her Master of Theology degree. [www.KeysOfAuthorityMinistries.org](http://www.KeysOfAuthorityMinistries.org)



## 1993

**Kevin Conwell ('92, '93)** and his wife, Nancy, head Street Church International in Tulsa. Street Church



helps churches minister to people outside their four walls—serving the homeless and taking supplies to disaster areas. Kevin is also a chaplain at John 3:16 Mission. [www.StreetChurchInternational.com](http://www.StreetChurchInternational.com)

## 1982

**Robert ('81, '82) and Patricia ('81) Yelton** have been pastors, chaplains, and church pioneers since graduating from RBTC. They are currently associate pastors and children's pastors at Cedars of Lebanon Fellowship in Moores Hill, Indiana. They have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## 1986



**Robert Mikyska ('85, '86)** is an engineer officer in the U.S. Army Reserves. He currently serves in Afghanistan, where he provides engineering support to the Director of Military Engineering for building and construction. He has been in the Army since 1989, with a six-year break to finish his undergraduate and graduate degrees.



**Judith Nusse ('92, '93)** received her Ph.D. in June 2012 from Jubilee Graduate School. She lives in Malvern, Arkansas, where she teaches at Jubilee Christian School and is active in her church, HaYovel Edah. She's taken several study tours to Israel and missions trips to 30 nations.

## 1994

**Carey (Brooks) Clark ('93 '94)** and her husband, Brian, are in northern China, where Brian is starting a coffee business. They have three homeschooled children. Carey's novel, *After the Snow Falls*, was published in 2011. [www.agreatdoor.com](http://www.agreatdoor.com) / [www.careyjaneclark.com](http://www.careyjaneclark.com)



## 1991

**David ('90, '91) and Erica (Conboy '98, '99, '11) Fleming** were married on June 23, 2012, at the Rhema Bible Church chapel in Broken Arrow. Rev. Lynette Hagin and Rev. Craig W. Hagin ('92, '93) performed the ceremony. The Flemings live in Broken Arrow and travel full-time in itinerant ministry out of Rhema Bible Church.



## 1992



**Kathy Mamalis ('91, '92)** is in her fifth year of teaching English at a private Christian school near Athens, Greece, where many students (including Muslims) are born again every year. She also teaches several courses at Rhema Greece. [www.gcAcademy.org](http://www.gcAcademy.org)

## 1997



**Ruth Hill ('96, '97)** has recently become the executive director of Stop Child Trafficking Now, a national organization working to end child sex slavery. She and her husband, **David ('96, '97)** attend Freedom Fellowship in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where they oversee small-group ministries. Also, David is on the church counsel and runs the men's ministry, and Ruth is church treasurer. [www.sctnow.org](http://www.sctnow.org)



**John ('96, '97) and Martine ('94, '95) Smithwick** began John Smithwick Ministries International in 1998, and they have ministered in churches, held crusades, and facilitated missions trips around the world. They also hold

children's crusades. (Some have had more than 15,000 children in attendance.) And they recently launched the "Global Vision" television program. [www.JohnSmithwick.com](http://www.JohnSmithwick.com)

## 1998

**Richard Chappell ('97, '98)** and his wife, Tammy, became pastors of Abundant Life Fellowship in Wellington, Texas, in March of 2012. This year they have two sons and a daughter-in-law that are first year students at RBTC—Brandon and Kayla Chappell, and Christopher Chappell.



**TG Desta ('97, '98)** is celebrating 15 years in full-time ministry. On average she ministers in 8 to 10 different countries a year. She has traveled to 40 nations so far and has seen many signs and wonders follow the preaching of God's Word. She is believing to reach 50 nations by 2020.

**Patricia O'Farrell ('97, '98)** moved to Peru in September 2012 and is working with church-planting missionaries. They preach on the street, in parks, and in home Bible studies. They win many to the Lord and are involved in discipling the new believers. <http://goo.gl/Qt4jG>



## 2002



**Trent and Devon (Wenger) Grimes (both '01, '02)** announce the birth of their daughter, Ana Christine, born October 14, 2011. She joins her big brother, Uriah, who is 2 years old. The Grimeses pioneered and pastor Oasis Church in St. Francis, Arkansas. <http://goo.gl/ejunh>

**Jeremy and Sarah Elliott ('00, '01, '02)** and their children, Josiah and Ethan, have just moved to Ireland. They are youth pastors and are helping **Pastors Barry ('85, '86) and Kimba ('87, '88) Cunningham** at New Life Christian Centre in County Cork. [www.NewLifeChristianCentre.com](http://www.NewLifeChristianCentre.com)



## 2003

**Ron Miller ('01, '02, '03)** and his wife, Charity, have been married for 19 years and tried for 12 years to have a baby.



They have two adopted daughters, **Sara ('10, '11)** and Jennifer, of whom they are very proud. Then through prayer and medical help, their miracle baby, Hadleigh Faith Miller, was born August 10, 2011, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces. Ron and Charity pastor Trinity Fellowship Church in San Angelo, Texas. [www.tfcsa.com](http://www.tfcsa.com)

**Jeremy Trickler ('02, '03)** became an associate pastor at Lake Church in Mannford, Oklahoma, in February 2012 after serving three years there as children's pastor. He and his wife, Rhonda, work alongside leaders **Greg ('92, '93) and Karen ('97, '98) Hurd**, and **Robert Martino ('02, '03)**. [www.lake-church.com](http://www.lake-church.com)



## 2004



**Michael Johnson ('98, '04)** married Cassie Marie Gismond on August 25, 2012. They live in Bryant, Arkansas, where Michael is singles pastor at Family Church Bryant. [www.FamilyChurchBryant.org](http://www.FamilyChurchBryant.org)

## 2006

**Sean ('05, '06) and Natacha ('07) Kalicharan** have recently moved to Miami, Florida, where Sean is an evangelist and Natacha is a stay-at-home mom who just completed her first book through Xulon Press. They have three sons: Zachary, Sebastian, and Chase. <http://goo.gl/nwu8k>



**Joshua Waldoch ('05, '06)** and his wife, Emily, announce the birth of their son, Peter Joshua. He was born December 9, 2011, weighing 10 pounds, 13 ounces. He joins his big sister, Ella

Ruby, who turned 2 in March. They have been serving as assistant and children's pastor at Praise Fellowship Church in Muskego, Wisconsin, for the past six years. They plan to plant a church in the Greendale, Wisconsin, area in 2013.

[www.praise-fellowship.org](http://www.praise-fellowship.org)

## 2009

**Janita Daggy ('08, '09)** currently works as event coordinator and business manager for Joy Ministries in Virginia Beach, Virginia. (She served for two years in helps ministry at Victory Worship Center in Staunton, Virginia, following graduation.) Joy Ministries helps single moms, underprivileged children, single parents, and struggling families in area neighborhoods by spreading, teaching, and preaching the Word of God. [www.JoyMinistriesOnline.org](http://www.JoyMinistriesOnline.org)



**Tyrone and Samantha (Barrett) Guerpo (both '08, '09)** were married April 21, 2012, in Skiatook, Oklahoma. They live in Broken Arrow and have been traveling with **Troy Bailey ('07, '08)** Ministries for the past three years. They travel to churches and assist with their outreach

programs, help build evangelism teams, and teach the congregations how to witness.

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## Alumni Spotlight

**Craig and Glenda Hussey (both '08, '09)** were born and raised in Newfoundland. Craig was a third-generation commercial fisherman from the time he finished high school until 2007 when they came to Rhema.



"We sold our 2 boats, our property, and the new home we built in 2000," says Craig, "and we left the province to follow God's call. It's been an adventure ever since!"



While at Rhema, Craig was involved in ushering and volunteering at the warehouse. Both he and Glenda were group leaders for the international students, and worked with the recruiting department and FLP. They were also active in prayer groups at the Prayer and Healing Center, and Glenda was in the choir. Their oldest son Steve and his wife Kendra also attended and graduated with them.

"It was an awesome time in our lives," says Craig. "We talk about it often today, and a highlight of our year now is when we get to return for WBS and Campmeeting."

After graduating, the Husseys became employed by Gideons International, and now they travel full time carrying the Gospel to the world. This fall they went to the Philippines and Vietnam, where all told they saw over 13,000 decisions for Christ. That was followed by a trip to Bolivia and Chile.

One highlight of their job is witnessing one-on-one. Craig says, "It makes everything we do worthwhile to see hungry people come to the Lord." [www.gideons.org](http://www.gideons.org)

## 2010

**Caitlyn (Cameron '09, '10)** and **Andrew Wilson ('11)** were married August 11, 2012, in the Kirkland Chapel at Camp Loughridge in Tulsa. They currently serve as youth ministers at Trinity Church in Beaumont, Texas, for her parents, **Howard and Marilyn Cameron (both '79, '93)**, and are studying at Covenant Bible College to receive their associate degrees.



## 2011

**Jeremy and MaKaylla Harris (both '10, '11)** graduated from the pastor's group and have recently become pastors at Living Faith Church in Milton, Florida.  
<http://goo.gl/xr08Z> / [www.lfcmilton.org](http://www.lfcmilton.org)



## 2012



**Michael ('11, '12) and Courtney (McCormack '10, '11) Varrichione** announce the birth of their son, Emmanuel Bryant, born May 30, 2012, and weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce. Manny is a miracle baby, just recovering from open-heart surgery in late summer. Michael will be going to college in 2013 to get his nursing degree and work in pediatrics. The Varrichiones live in Broken Arrow.

## Homegoings

'75.....	Rodney Allen.....	June 8, 2012
'76.....	June Austin.....	April 22, 2012
'76.....	Gary Hayhurst*.....	September 9, 2012
'79.....	Ralph David Criss.....	May 2012
'80, '81.....	Tom Heffner*.....	September 13, 2012
'83, '84.....	James Walter Truett.....	December 2, 2011
'84, '85.....	Robert Kettl.....	November 2012
'85, '86.....	William McGuire*.....	September 6, 2012
'87, '88.....	Paul Gomes.....	June 23, 2012
'87, '88.....	David Kelp.....	June 1, 2012
'88.....	Ruth Olstroem.....	August 2012
'89, '90.....	James Galbraith*.....	August 13, 2012
'90, '91.....	Frances Alderman.....	August 18, 2012
'92.....	James Little.....	November 7, 2012
'92, '93.....	Charles Johnson*.....	November 2012
'92, '93.....	Eugene Miron*.....	August 2012
'94, '95.....	David Wooters*.....	June 7, 2012
'96, '97.....	Thomas Jamerson.....	September 22, 2012
'98, '99.....	Lance Hubert.....	November 22, 2012
'80, '00.....	Jim Matthews.....	November 18, 2012
'99, '00.....	James Burkle.....	October 22, 2012
'01, '02, '03.....	David P. Miller.....	September 30, 2012
'04, '05, '06.....	John Nead.....	July 2012
'10, '11.....	Dr. Charles Girard.....	October 18, 2012
'11, '12.....	John White III.....	September 9, 2012
'11, '12.....	Lisa Jack.....	September 30, 2012

\*member or former member of Rhema Ministerial Association International (RMAI)

## Scandinavia Alumni Meeting

On August 11, 2012, 139 enthusiastic alumni and Rhema family members gathered in Sellebakk-Fredrikstad, Norway, for fellowship and strategizing.

*Pictured (in alphabetical order): Aslaug & Per Ragnar Aas, Goran & Angela Berger, Olaf & Berit Bjorndal, Adam Blevins, Karin & Tore Brenna, Tordis & Erik Braten, Brian & Evelyn Cumberland, Saro & Brynjulf Dahle, Thure Andre Eriksen, Yngve & Cecilie Flink, Dominic Gomes, Raymond & Trond & Christin Groth, Jostein Grodem, Jan & Margareth Halvorsen, Ruben Hansen, Rachel Hersperger, Marthe Kristine Indrehus, Lise & Sigurd Kristianslund, Oivind & May & Knut Labraten, Salome Looser, Arne & Lajla Lund, Jay & Louise Mackey, Aris Martiuola, Ola & Brita Melkeraen, Terje & Lisbeth Meyer, Stein Erik Nergard, Roger & Lise & Laila & Hans Nilssen, Dee Ramthun, Jorunn Rognhaug, Ingvild Samuelsen, Johanna & Anna & Tim & Carina Shreve, Roger & Olaug Alise Skaug, Asbjorn Skjortnes, Nancy Skretting, Anita Strand, Bret & Brenna Sutherland, Glenn Tomren, Camilla Tomren, Anny Holta Tounsi, Rune & Siri Tysse, Gunhild Tyvand, Bodil & Arild Wahlberg, and Marius Willumsen.*



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February 17–22  
[www.rhema.org/wbs](http://www.rhema.org/wbs)



#### Spring Rhema College Weekend

April 26–28  
[www.rhema.org/rcw](http://www.rhema.org/rcw)



#### International Rhema Day

May 5  
[www.rhema.org/ird](http://www.rhema.org/ird)



#### Campmeeting

July 21–26  
[www.rhema.org/cm](http://www.rhema.org/cm)



#### Kindle the Flame® Women's Conference

September 26–28  
[www.rhema.org/ktf](http://www.rhema.org/ktf)



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November 7–9  
[www.rhema.org/cta](http://www.rhema.org/cta)

## 2013 LIVING FAITH crusades

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JAN  
27–30

#### Living Word Family Church

10910 Immokalee Road | **Naples, FL** 34119  
Pastor Paul & Maria Foslien | (239) 348-7400  
Sun. 7:00 p.m. | Mon.–Wed. 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

MAR  
10–13

#### Victory Life Church

1741 W. Queen St. | **Hampton, VA** 23666  
Pastors Phil & Barbara Privette | (757) 838-1304  
Sun. 7:00 p.m. | Mon.–Wed. 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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–APR 3

#### Light of the World Christian Center

3301 SW. Gage Blvd. | **Topeka, KS** 66614  
Pastors Greg & Debbie Varney | (785) 271-1010  
Sun. 6:00 p.m. | Mon.–Wed. 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

MAY  
19–22

#### Family Worship Center

6020 Tates Creek Road | **Lexington, KY** 40515  
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