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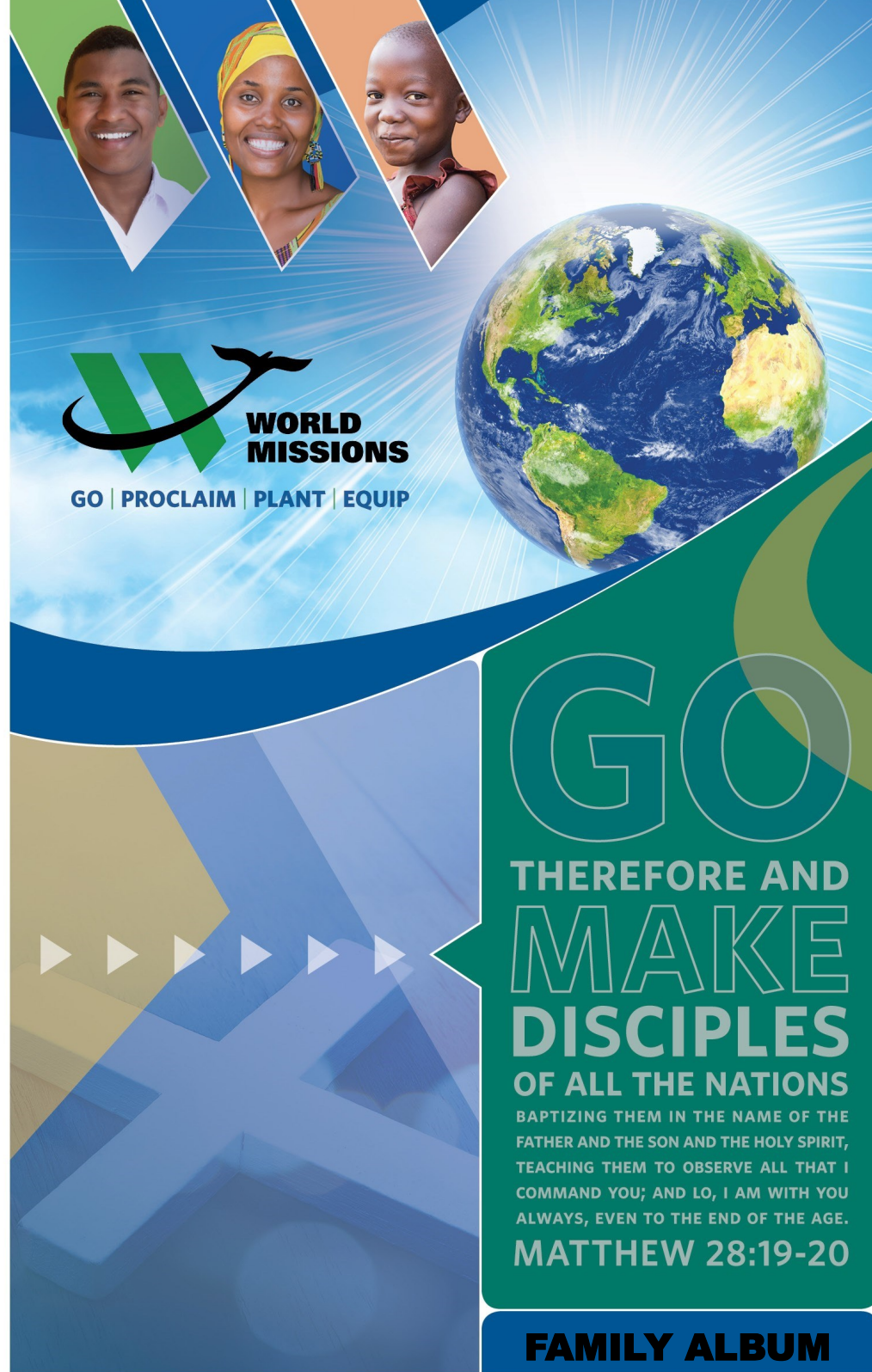
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FAMILY ALBUM

BY THE GRACE OF GOD, Making Disciples



**9 AFLC MISSIONARY
FAMILIES OVERSEAS**

**2 MISSIONARY
FAMILIES ON LOAN**



**6 COUNTRIES
WORLD WIDE**



**CHURCHES, CHURCH
PLANTS, AND GATHERINGS
ESTABLISHED ON THE
INERRANT WORD OF GOD**

Our Goals to our supporters, we commit to serving the congregations of the AFLC by enabling them to make a global impact for the kingdom of God by fulfilling our purpose, vision, and strategic activities:

- Reaching unreached people groups
- Planting free and living Lutheran congregations
- Developing independent congregations
- Establishing Biblical training
- Serving those in need with compassion
- Preparing future missionaries for service on the field



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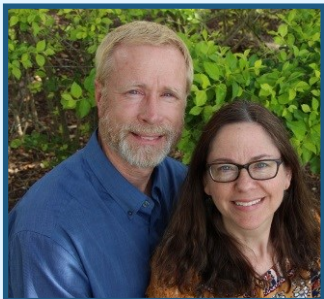
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MISSIONARIES ON LOAN



Steve and Glenda Kvale

Steve and Glenda are currently with Wycliffe USA providing Information Technology, Administrative Support, Strategic Prayer and currently Global Partnerships adding roles to support the advancement of Sigh Language Bible Translation. Working to support missionaries in Bible translation work and



connecting the church to Bibleless people groups and Bibleless people groups to the church.

Prayer Concerns:

- That Bible-less people groups hear the Gospel.
- For health and safety as we travel more to visit ministry partners.
- For continued provision as we seek how best to follow and serve our Lord.

Birthdays: Steve: (June 1); Glenda: (Nov. 30)

Website: <https://www.wycliffe.org/partner/9A33D6>



Andrew Olson Family

Andrew and Alexis Olson are currently serving with "They Need the Bible". A ministry started by the Olson's to bring the Word of God to Bibleless people groups, through the use of 21st century technology, providing translation and resources.



Prayer Concerns:

- Pray for wisdom and guidance they develop this new ministry.
- Pray for those who have yet to hear the Word of God in their own language, that they could be reached.

Birthdays: Andrew: (Nov. 28) ; Alexis: (Jan. 22)

Mariah: (August 08, 16) Selah: (March 18, 18) ; Eliana: (March 16, 21)

Website: <https://www.theyneedthebible.org>



THE VISION OF WORLD MISSIONS

Go

The good news of Christ is for all people around the world. Our calling is to go wherever God calls us and to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations ..." (Matthew 28:19).

Proclaim

Our calling is to proclaim the good news of Jesus so that people may come to know Him as Lord and Savior. "Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ" (Acts 5:42).

Plant

According to the Word of God, the congregation is the right form of the Kingdom of God on earth. We believe the best way for people to be reached for Christ and grow in Christ is to be part of a free and living local congregation. A congregation is people gathering to worship, where the Word of God is preached and taught, the sacraments are rightly administered, and there is organization. "Everything must be done so that the church may be built up" (I Corinthians 14:26).

Equip

Nationals ought to be equipped by the Word and Spirit of God to live out their faith and lead their congregations. "So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors, and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" (Ephesians 4:11-12). Training the next generation of national pastors and leaders is vital. This is the purpose of ministries such as the Seminary in Brazil (SETELL), the Lutheran Seminary in India, and the Ambassador Institute.

WORLD MISSIONS DEPARTMENTS



Rev. Korhonen began as director in 2019. A part of AFLC Pastoral ministry since 1995, Earl has served congregations with his wife Joan in Washington, Wisconsin and Iowa.

The Korhonen's are passionate about connecting congregations with the work of our AFLC Missions fields and church planting ministries of AFLC World Missions.



As the head of the Journey Missions' department of World Missions, Jon leads Ministry Trips and oversees the Missionary Assistant Program. Jon and his wife Heidi train these teams in addition to traveling with them. The Missionary Assistant Program is a ministry which sends individuals to various AFLC ministries around the world to serve alongside long-term missionaries for a set length of time.



The goal of this program is to come along side our international missionaries and ministries to distribute solid biblical and theological education to the fields of AFLC World Missions. Ambassador Institute has classes operating in the countries of India and Uganda. They use an oral technique which emphasizes using the Bible as it is written to teach the curriculum. The curriculum is complete in six languages and available online.



AUTHORIZED SPECIAL PROJECTS

Brazil	Goal	Received	Remaining
ALLIB (AFLC of Brazil)			
National Leadership Conference	\$3,000		
DRELL (Dept. of Resources and Ed Lutherana Livre)	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$2,000
DRELL Discipleship Fund	\$5,000	\$115	\$4,885
Campo Grande Van Project	\$15,000		
Jardim Esperance (Garden of Hope) Rebuild Church	\$20,000		
Cohapar Church (Reconstruction) Campo Mourao	\$50,000		
SETELL			
SETELL Summer Teams	\$6,000		
SETELL Parking Lot (Seminary Chapel area)	\$12,500		
MIRIAM HOME			
Follow Them Home	\$3,000	\$898.14	\$2,101.86
Camps and VBS Fund	\$500.	\$500	Complete
Easter and Christmas Celebrations	\$1,500		
Miriam Home Building Addition (Admin & Ed)	\$30,000	\$3,000	\$28,000
ARCA			
Repair Van—Motor Repair	\$5,000		
ONGOING PROJECTS (As received)			
ARCA Ministry	<i>As Received</i>	\$7,850	
ARCA Social Projects	<i>As Received</i>	\$1,300	
ARCA-Bible Camp Scholarships	<i>As Received</i>		
Student Scholarships	<i>As Received</i>	\$300	
Student Work Fund	<i>As Received</i>	\$70	
Mexico	Goal	Received	Remaining
Principios Church Building	\$60,000	\$44,464.62	\$15,535.38
Christmas Gift Boxes (100 @\$5/box)	\$500		
Help Me Hear God's Voice—Bibles	\$500	\$500	Complete
Kids Club (books, Christmas gifts etc.)	<i>As Received</i>	\$149.54	
Compassion Projects	<i>As Received</i>		
Paraguay	Goal	Received	Remaining
Emergency food Baskets	\$1,200	\$1,200	Complete
Church Lending Library	\$3,000		
Pavilion—New Church building	\$22,000	\$12,982	\$9,018
India	Goal	Received	Remaining
Bibles and Literature—training materials	\$1,200		
AFLC India Pastor's Houses (\$9,500 1/2 Matching gift)	\$4,750	\$3,150	\$1,600
Uganda	Goal	Received	Remaining
Ambassador Institute Teacher Workshops	\$1,100	\$1,100	Complete
Journey Missions	Goal	Received	Remaining
Scholarship Fund—Trips and Missionary Assistants	\$5,000	\$720	\$4,280
World Missions	Goal	Received	Remaining
AFLC Pastors Int'l teaching Scholarship Fund	\$4,000		

OUTREACH

Department Funding

AFLC World Missions is a non-profit organization that relies on donations. Financial gifts for the departments are also applied to all our fields, Journey Missions, and Ambassador Institute.

Personal Support

Your partnership with missionaries for their personal support provides for their salary and expenses on the field. These gifts are vital for them to continue their ministry. Monthly sponsorships go a long way toward fulfilling this need.

Approved Special Projects

Specific financial needs from the field come up regularly and become approved special projects by the World Mission Committee. This provides for various things like building projects, food and relief for people in India, books for seminaries, and Christmas gifts for children in Mexico.

PAUL AND BECKY ABEL



Paul and Becky Abel are in their 38th year of ministry in Brazil and they have four children and nine grandchildren. When they started their ministry, the main goal was to plant churches in the Parana region. Four churches have been established in Curitiba, Cajuru, Bateias, and Campo Largo, some of which began as small home Bible studies and are now thriving churches led by local pastors. The Abels have seen the grace of God open hearts through the study of his Word. Bible studies take place weekly in these churches, along with youth group and evening services. Another vital part of the Abel's ministry is Acampamento e Retiro Cristão da Associação (Christian Camp and Retreat Center of the Association) or ARCA for short, which has drawn hundreds of campers through the year. Because of the power of the Gospel, the Abels have seen lives changed in their time in Brazil, whether health issues, home life, or education.

"Thanks be to God who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him." II Corinthians 2:14

THEME VERSE

Pray for the Paul Abel Family

- For the ministry of the ARCA
- For faithful commitment of church members and for their emotional and spiritual stability
- For their children and their families; Joanna (Silvo); Christina (Daniel); Andrew (Alexi) and Matthew (Ednay)
- For Paul as he supervises the missionary work and ministers to the other Free Lutheran Congregations.
- God's continued provision
- For safety and health

Birthdays:

Paul: (Oct 18)

Becky: (Oct 6)



JONATHAN AND TAMBA ABEL



Jonathan and Tamba Abel have been missionaries with AFLC World Missions in Brazil since they were commissioned in 1992, raising three children on the mission field who are now all grown. The Abels' ministry centers around three main places: camp, the seminary, and the church. Both Jonathan and Tamba love working in camp ministry. The Abels are passionate about helping youth live out their Christian faith with boldness. A part of the faculty at the

seminary in Campo Mourao, Jonathan is confident in the importance of the foundational training to continue discipling healthy churches across Brazil. The Abels have planted the church they are currently serving in Maringa, along with two other congregations. Excited whenever they have the opportunity, Jonathan and Tamba share about the free gift of grace, often seeing Brazilians understand evangelical doctrines for the first time. Even in the unrest of legalism, spiritism, and broken homes, the Abels continue to daily disciple those around them and strive for souls to be saved to the Kingdom of God.

"For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf." II Corinthians 5:14-15

THEME VERSE

Pray for the Jonathan Abel Family

- Wisdom as they expand the work in Maringa
- Wisdom for them in working with the national people and leadership
- Health and safety as they work and travel
- For their children: April (Elijah) Neumann, Thomas and Michelle

Birthdays:

Jonathan: (March 11)

Tamba: (Jan 11)



GO. SERVE. LIVE.

The goal of Journey Missions is to point individuals to Christ and give them an opportunity to partner in His mission.

We facilitate two opportunities for short term ministry:

- **Short Term Trips**: Individuals and congregations train for and experience one to three week ministry trips
- **Missionary Assistant Program**: Living cross-culturally and partnering with a missionary for a temporary period of time

MISSIONARY ASSISTANTS

The Ritlands (Abel families, Brazil and Paraguay)

Logan Blom (Abel families, Brazil and Paraguay)

Trevor Blom (Abel families, Brazil and Paraguay)

OTHER FIELDS OF WORK

Ministries we are involved in where we do not have a missionary located.

India

The Association of Free Lutheran Congregations - India (AFLC-I) is headquartered in Chirala, AP, India. The AFLC of India has 47 pastors and 55 congregations. Ministries of these congregations include:

- Bible Women - visit and lead Bible studies where, culturally, pastors are not able to minister.
- Theological Training - The seminary equips laymen, pastors, and Bible women every month.
- Horeb Children's Ministry - care for children through the local congregations and with your support.

Switzerland

In 2016, the AFLC Annual Conference approved a cooperative church planting effort with AFLC-Brazil and the El-Shadai Evangelical Lutheran Church of Geneva Switzerland. We are seeking to reach out to Switzerland and even greater Europe. The congregation is being served by lay-pastor Augusto Fiuri. Pastor Augusto grew up in an AFLC-Brazil congregation but has relocated to Geneva with his family.

JONNI SLIVER



Jonni Sliver has served as a missionary with AFLC World Missions since 2011 in the Miriam Home located in Brazil. Unlike an orphanage, the children that come to the Miriam Home are in transition for various reasons. Sometimes it is just a place to stay while a single mother is in the hospital, other times the children are waiting for a new adopted family. Jonni and the house moms strive to bring the Lord's healing to each child that comes through the door. She affirms, "Our primary calling is to be God's tool to minister His love and His healing into the lives of frightened and wounded children. Every kid that comes here, whether for a few days or for a year and a half, comes scared. They all have a hurt, and the One that will help them feel better is the Lord." Being used by God to share this healing with the children is Jonni's great joy.

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."
Hebrews 10:23-25

THEME VERSE

Pray for Jonni Sliver

- For the partnerships of the staff and students in Campo Mourao and the effectiveness of their leadership
- Pray for the staff and children at the Miriam Home.
- For clear and creative communication and relationships between the AFLC family in Campo Mourao and in the U.S. for mutual support and encouragement
- For safety and health

Birthday:

Jonni: (July 20)



JOHN AND HANNAH LEE



John and Hannah Lee have been missionaries with AFLC World Missions since 2018. John grew up on the mission field in Bangladesh and early on had a desire to work with global missions.

After John finished seminary at FLTS, it was brought to his attention the need for faculty at SETELL, the theological seminary in Brazil. Hannah is also excited to have the opportunity with assisting in the care of children at the Miriam Home.

The Lees are excited to be a part of Christ's work in Brazil. "As we have lived here," John said, "we have witnessed a growing desire by Brazilians to plant more churches in other States." The seminary is a vital piece in establishing free and living congregations throughout the country. John is eager to train the students at the seminary, giving them a foundation in the Word of God to be leaders in their future parishes.

In the future, the Lees hope that this partnership with Brazilians in their biblical training will lead to church plants founded by nationals across even more states in Brazil.

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

THEME VERSE

Pray for the John Lee Family

- For wisdom and grace as we live and minister at SETELL and Miriam Home
- Continued help in learning a new language
- Building good relationships with the people we are working with
- Health and safety

Birthdays:

John: (July 23)
Hannah: (Feb 19)
Bethany: (April 10, 2016)
Eliza: (May 18, 2017)
Ayda: (Aug 28, 2018)
Anastasia: (Oct 2, 2019)
John Jr: (July 3, 2021)
Jeffery: (June 27, 2023)



MICHAEL ROKENBRODT



Michel Rokenbrodt is a seasonal missionary, working with Ambassador institute in Uganda for half the year and home as a student at the Free Lutheran Seminary for the rest of the year. Originally a teacher, he traveled to Uganda and has felt called back ever since. He was commissioned as an AFLC missionary in 2018.

From January to May, Michael is in Uganda serving in his role as a support to the national leaders and the full-time missionaries. Recently, Michael has used his teaching gifts to assist with Ambassador Institute, going into any church that desires to receive the training. "Teaching with Ambassador Institute," Michael stated, "I get to continue to keep all the wonderful aspects of teaching that I love, all for the glory of God." Michael affirmed that the oral approaches to teaching from Ambassador Institute brings to life the reality of faith coming through hearing the Word of God.

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I send me!'" Isaiah 6:8

THEME VERSE

Pray for Michael Rokenbrodt

- For provision of continued prayer and financial support
- For language learning
- For safety and health

Birthdays:

Michael: (August 9)



BRENT AND EMILY RAAN



Brent and Emily Raan accepted the call as AFLC missionaries in 2015 and are now serving in Uganda, Africa with their four children: Amaleah, Sarala, Isaiah, and Amari. They have been living in Jinja, Uganda for the past two and a half years. The main focus of their ministry has been to partner with the national leaders in the advancement of Ambassador

Institute, an orality ministry of AFLC World Missions. The program is solidly founded on the importance of Scripture, using oral teaching to share doctrinal truths. Brent and Emily are preparing to plant a new church in a region of Uganda that has had little opportunity to hear the gospel. Although war torn by the atrocities of Joseph Kony, the town of Gulu, in northern Uganda, has seen a population growth with people starting to return in the last five years. The Raan family anticipates the opportunity to share the hope of Jesus Christ with hurting people.

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in desert" Isaiah 43:18-19

THEME VERSE

Pray for the Brent Raan Family

- For guidance and wisdom as they began ministry in Gulu
- For help in learning a new language
- For wisdom in all they do
- For their children
- For health and safety

Birthdays:

Brent: (March 13)
Emily: (June 21)
Amaleah: (July 30, 2014)
Sarala: (Dec. 20, 2016)
Isaiah: (Nov. 12, 2018)
Amari: (August 9, 2021)



MATTHEW AND EDNAY ABEL



Matthew "Mafú" and Ednay Abel have been serving as AFLC missionaries since 2015 and have three beautiful children, Zoey, Ian and Boaz. Recently, they have taken the call for a new endeavor to plant churches in Paraguay. Beginning in 2019, their move to Paraguay included language training, connecting with the established church there, and finding a location for a new church. Mafú described their ministry, "To

preach Jesus Christ that people might come from darkness to light—from death to life...Evangelism and discipleship, this happens when people are gathered together around God's Word." On this foundation, the Abels are excited to witness how the Lord will connect the community through the Gospel. The Abel family is looking forward to establishing Christ-centered churches in Paraguay, to partner with the church in Brazil, and to grow a strong community of believers in South America.

"Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person." Colossians 4: 5-6

THEME VERSE

Pray for the Matthew Abel Family

- For grace as they learn a new language
- For their marriage and family
- For vision and wisdom as they minister and work in Villarrica
- For the new church to grow
- Guidance and health and safety

Birthdays:

Matthew: (Sept 29)
Ednay: (Sept 30)
Zoey: (July 9, 2018)
Ian: (Jan 8, 2020)
Boaz: (April 3, 2022)
Levi: (February 11, 2024)



TODD AND BARB SCHIERKOLK



Todd and Barb Schierkolk have served with AFLC World Missions since 1995, serving faithfully together in their home in Jerez, Mexico for over twenty years. The Schierkolk's ministry has centered around planting and discipling their congregation at Un Lugar de Encuentro con Dios. They have witnessed the transformation of believers from being a participant in the pew to being active in equipping the church. Children's ministry has a special place in the heart of the Schierkolks with their vision of discipleship in their community. Todd affirms, "Children's ministry has been particularly effective in establishing lifelong relationships. It is a very good tool, with a weekly connection with many kids." Through their years of ministry, they have been reminded of the truth that anytime someone comes to Jesus it is a miracle. The Schierkolks are convinced that everyday discipleship with their community is not a short sprint but a marathon ministry. They desire to continue serving their congregation and to strengthen believers through the study of God's Word.

"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold..." Job 19:25-27a

THEME VERSE

Pray for the Todd Schierkolk Family

- For spiritual growth of youth and their families
- For God's wisdom and open doors regarding the purchase and construction of a church building
- For their children: Rachel (Ben) Davis, Megan (Josh) Hedstrom, and Kirstie and Seth Skogerboe
- For health and safety

Birthdays:

Todd: (May 25)

Barb: (Feb. 15)



NATHAN AND RHODA JORE



Pastor Nate and Rhoda Jore and their children: Elijah, Judah, Hannah, Jeremiah, Julia, and Evie Mae, are missionaries to Uganda. This family began their work there in 2006.

Missionary Status Announcement: Nate and Rhoda Jore have been led by the Lord to remain in the U.S. and not return

with their family to serve full time in Uganda. We deeply appreciate their over 17 years of service in Uganda. Their already planned furlough goes through June 2024. After the school year ends for their children, they would like to return to Uganda as a family to pack up belongings, say goodbye and close their time in Uganda. The World Mission Board has granted their request to continue service with World Missions through July 2024, to allow them this time to travel back to Uganda. They will continue to need personal support funds from AFLC World Missions through the end of July. Please pray for them during this time of transition and pray for the work in Uganda. Pray God's guidance for the Jores as they seek direction on where the Lord has for them to serve next.

THEME VERSE

"In that day you will say: 'Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things: let this be known to all the world'" Isaiah 12:4-5

Pray for the Nathan Jore Family

- Wisdom in training and raising their children
- For protection against attacks from the evil one
- For each of their personal, daily walks with the Lord
- For the church start in the village of Nabukosi
- For good health and safety

Birthdays:

Nate: (Aug 1)

Rhoda: (Sept 29)

Elijah: (July 9, 2004)

Judah: (Nov 26, 2005)

Hannah: (April 24, 2008)

Jeremiah: (June 29, 2010)

Julia: (April 19, 2012)

Evie Mae: (Sept. 21, 2016)

