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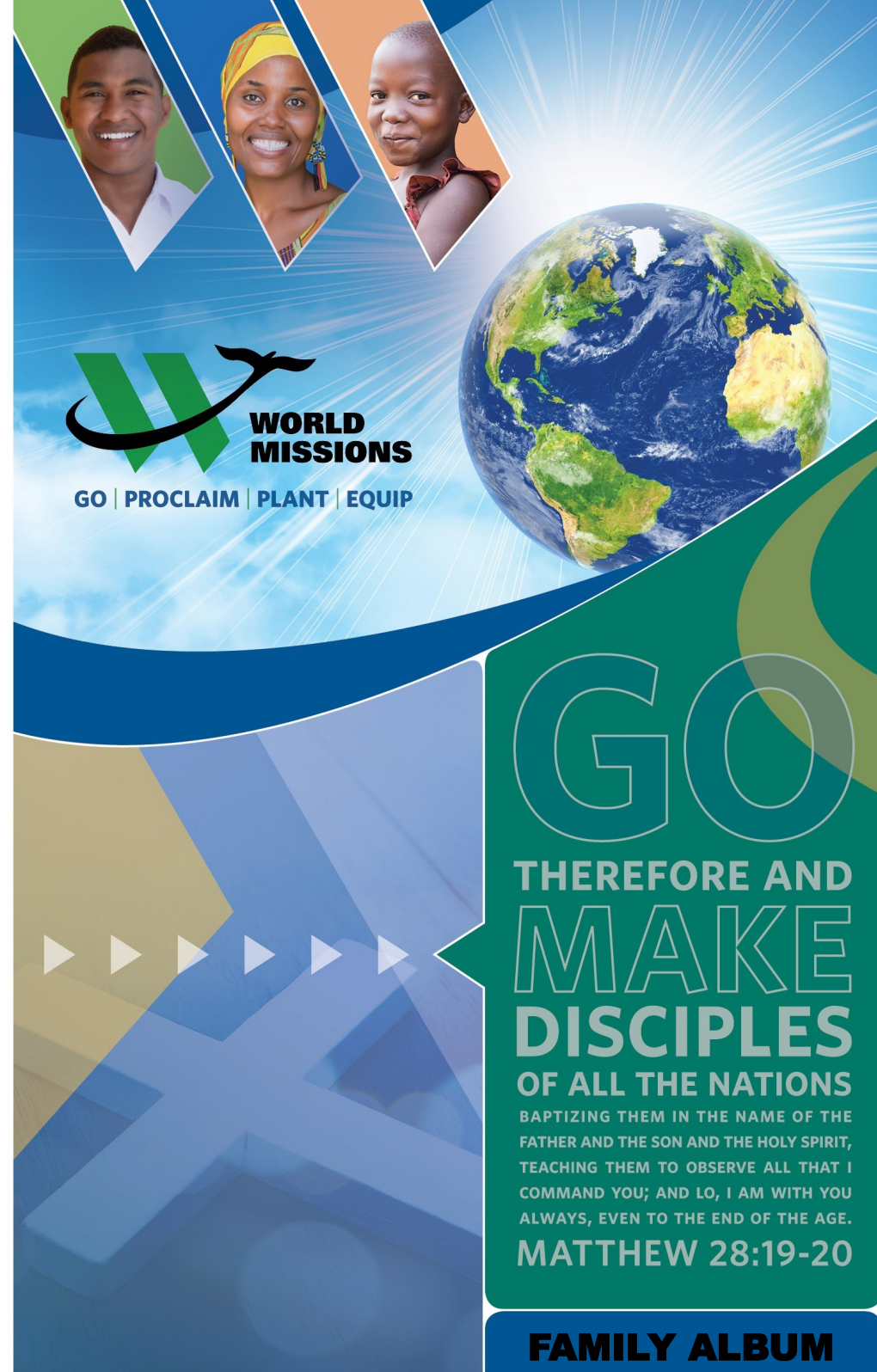
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MAKING DISCIPLES WORLDWIDE



8 AFLC MISSIONARY
FAMILIES OVERSEAS
2 MISSIONARY
FAMILIES ON LOAN



6 COUNTRIES
WORLDWIDE



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

MISSIONARY INFORMATION

AFLC Missionaries

Jonathan Abel

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Matthew Abel

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8, 2020), Boaz (April 3, 2022),
Levi (Feb 11, 2024)

Paul Abel *(Furlough June-Dec 2025)*

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

World Missions Department

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Jonni Sliver *(Furlough April 17-Sept 2025)*

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Missionaries On Loan

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Miriam Home In Brazil

Miriam Home

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APPROVED SPECIAL PROJECTS

Brazil

ALLIB (AFLC of Brazil)

	Goal	Received	Remaining
National Leadership Conference	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
DRELL Translation & Publication Fund	\$3,500	\$100	\$3,400
DRELL Discipleship Fund	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Vitoria Church Elevator (2nd floor Sanctuary)	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
Cohapar Church-Campo Mourao (Rebuild)	\$50,000	\$10,050	\$39,950

SETELL

SETELL Summer Teams	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
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Miriam Home

Follow Them Home	\$3,000	\$967.30	\$2,032.70
Camps and VBS Funds	\$500	\$0	\$500
Easter and Christmas Celebrations	\$750	\$0	\$750
Miriam Home Building Addition	\$30,000	\$14,200	\$15,800

ARCA

Repair ARCA Van	\$5,000	\$959.65	\$4,040.35
Bathrooms: Complete Renovation	\$15,000	\$13,637	\$1,363

Ongoing Projects (As Received)

ARCA Ministry	As Received	\$75	\$0
ARCA Social Projects	As Received	\$850	\$0
ARCA - Bible Camp Scholarships	As Received	\$0	\$0
Fazenda Rural Retreat ("The Farm")	As Received	\$2,370	\$0
Student Work Fund	As Received	\$75	\$0
Student Scholarships	As Received	\$500	\$0

Mexico

Principios Church Building	\$14,535	\$0	\$14,535
Christmas Gift Boxes (100 @ \$5 a box)	\$500	\$0	\$500
Help Me Hear God's Voice - Bible	\$500	\$0	\$500
Kid's Club (books, Christmas gifts, etc.)	As Received	\$250	\$
Compassion Projects	As Received	\$0	\$

Paraguay

Emergency Food Pantry	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
Pavilion/Church (Walls and Perimeter Fence)	\$12,000	\$12,000	Complete
Pavilion/Church (Church / Gym Floor)	\$20,000	\$12,438.53	\$7,561.47

India

Christmas Gifts for Horeb Children's Ministry	\$500	\$0	\$500
Bibles and Literature - Training Materials	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200
AFLC - I Pastors' Houses (9,500 1/2 Matching Gifts)	\$9,500	\$0	\$9,500

Uganda

Ambassador Institute Teacher Workshops	\$1,300	\$1,190.00	\$110
Ambassador Institute Office Expenses	\$1,350	\$0	\$1,350
Ambassador Institute Micro Loans	\$2,200	\$0	\$2,200

Journey Missions

Scholarship Fund - Trip & Missionary Assistants	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
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World Missions

AFLC Pastor Int'l Teaching Scholarship Funds	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
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PARTNER WITH THE MINISTRY

GENERAL FUND

AFLC World Missions is a non-profit organization that relies on your financial support. Gifts to the general fund are also applied to outreach projects in our field, 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 giving goes 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 various things like building projects, food and relief for people in India, books for seminaries, and Christmas gifts for children in Mexico.



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).



OTHER FIELDS OF WORK



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 - they 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.

MISSIONARIES ON LOAN

The Olson Family

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

Visit theyneedthebible.org for more information.



The Kvale Family

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 the Sign 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.

Visit wycliffe.org/partner/9A33D6 for more information.



PLANT

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

We endeavor to equip nationals 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 Korhonens 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 sends individuals to various AFLC ministries around the world to serve alongside long-term missionaries for a set length of time.



Ambassador Institute is designed to bring solid biblical and theological education to classes operating in AFLC fields of work. Using an oral technique, Ambassador Institute emphasizes bible memory and storytelling. It is completed in six languages and available online.



MICHAEL ROKENBRODT

AFLC Missionary in Uganda

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. When Michael is in Uganda, his role is support to the national leaders. 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."

Prayer Requests

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



TODD & BARB SCHEIRKOLK

AFLC Missionaries in Mexico

Todd and Barb Schierkolk have served with AFLC World Missions since 1995, working faithfully together in their home in Jerez, Mexico. The Schierkolk's ministry has centered around planting and discippling 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." The Schierkolks are convinced that everyday discipleship with their community is not a short sprint but a marathon ministry.

Prayer Requests

- 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), Megan (Josh), and Kirstie (Seth)
- For health and safety



GO

connecting
you to the
mission
fields

SERVE

offering trips
to serve in the
ways you are
gifted

LIVE

encouraging ways
to continue to serve
in our local
congregations

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 time**

CURRENT MISSIONARY ASSISTANTS

- Michelle Abel – Brazil, Currently Serving
- Kyle Gorman – Switzerland, July-August 2025
- Isaiah Floan – Switzerland, July-August 2025
- Joey Richardson – Paraguay, Sept. 2025-March 2026





PAUL & BECKY ABEL

AFLC Missionaries in Brazil

Paul and Becky Abel have almost 40 years of ministry experience in Brazil. 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. 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 throughout 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.

Prayer Requests

- 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 (Silvio); Christina (Daniel); Andrew (Alexi) and Matthew (Ednay)
- God's continued provision
- For safety and health



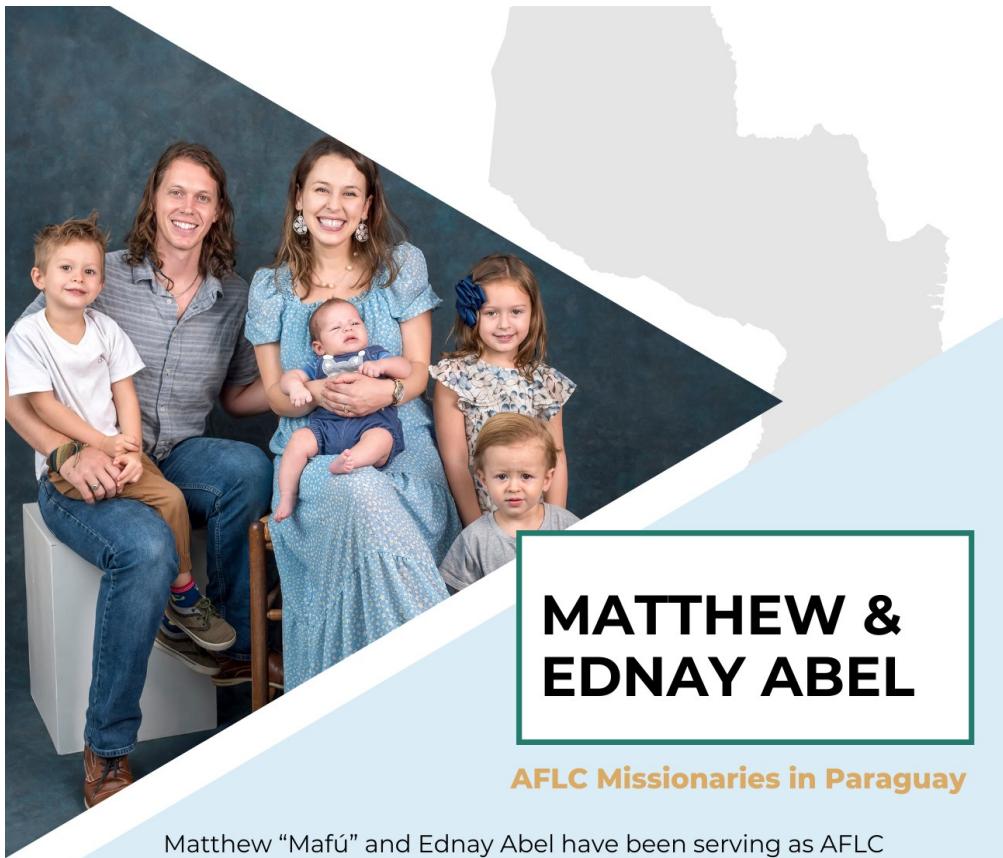
ZACHARIAH & CAREY RITLAND

AFLC Missionaries in Paraguay

Zachariah and Carey Ritland begin serving with AFLC World Missions as Lay Missionaries to Paraguay in March 2025. They have answered the call to serve alongside Matthew and Ednay Abel to plant churches in Paraguay. Zachariah and Carey are from Radcliffe, IA, and are members of Salem Lutheran (AFLC). Zachariah and Carey previously served as Missionary Assistants through Journey Missions in Paraguay, the Lord used this time to confirm their call to missions and gave them a heart to serve in Paraguay. As they start in March, they will be spending the first months raising prayer partners, financial support, traveling to churches, and building a support team. They will also be participating in various types of mission training, including language training. They look forward to getting to know the Paraguayan culture and to becoming valuable partners with the Abels in church planting, making disciples, and pointing people to Christ.

Prayer Requests

- For health and safety as they travel for deputation
- For guidance and wisdom as they make plans to go to Paraguay
- For provisions of a strong support team of prayer warriors
- For the financial support necessary to be able to go to Paraguay in August 2025
- For a growing heart for the work and people of Paraguay.



MATTHEW & EDNAY ABEL

AFLC Missionaries in Paraguay

Matthew “Mafú” and Ednay Abel have been serving as AFLC missionaries since 2015. 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.” The Abel family is looking forward to establishing Christ-centered churches in Paraguay, partnering with the church in Brazil, and growing a strong community of believers in South America.

Prayer Requests

- For grace as they learn a new language
- For their marriage and children: Zoey, Ian, Boaz, and Levi
- For vision and wisdom as they minister and work in Villarrica
- For the new church to grow
- Health and safety



JONATHAN & TAMBA ABEL

AFLC Missionaries in Brazil

Jonathan and Tamba Abel have been missionaries with AFLC World Missions in Brazil since they were commissioned in 1992. The Abels' ministry centers around three main places: camp, the seminary, and the church. Both Jonathan and Tamba love working in camp ministry. A part of the faculty at the seminary in Campo Mourão, Jonathan believes in the importance of foundational training for the continued growth of healthy churches across Brazil. The Abels have planted the church they are currently serving in Maringá, 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.

Prayer Requests

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



JONNI SLIVER

AFLC Missionary in Brazil

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 other house moms strive to bring the Lord's healing to each child who 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.

Prayer Requests

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



JOHN & HANNAH LEE

AFLC Missionaries in Brazil

John and Hannah Lee have been missionaries with AFLC World Missions since 2018. After John finished seminary at FLS, it was brought to his attention the need for faculty at SETELL, the theological seminary in Brazil. 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 Brazilian 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.

Prayer Requests

- For wisdom and grace as they minister at SETELL
- For their family: Bethany, Eliza, Ayda, Anastasia, John Jr., Jeffrey
- Building good relationships with the people we are working with
- Health and safety