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# WORLD MISSIONS NEWS

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## A Glimpse into the World Missions Board

The AFLC World Missions Board of Directors meets quarterly in person, and virtually as needed, throughout the year. Presently, we are in a busy season of missionary care, conducting interviews with candidates, and refining our objectives for discipleship and church planting. It is a privilege for me to serve as the primary point of contact for matters concerning AFLC World Missions; however, the responsibility rests with my board of directors to collaborate on each item of business. Here are a few items that the board and I are working on.

Chile - The board is praying for wisdom and seeking approval from the annual conference to open Chile as an AFLC World Missions field. Pastor Patricio, an AFLC-Brazil-approved pastor, resides in Santiago, Chile, and is seeking prayer support and guidance to establish congregations in Chile.

Uganda - The board aims to support the Ambassador Church in Jinja as they await final approval from the government to be

recognized as a new denomination in Uganda. This has the potential to help establish an association of congregations that subscribe to our Lutheran doctrine and the Fundamental Principles.

Paraguay- The board is grateful for our newest missionaries, Zachariah and Carey Ritland. We are working on their onboarding process, training, and promoting them to the congregations.

Brazil - The board has been enjoying the open communication with the Brazilian seminary school board, and we desire to be an encouragement to them as they strengthen their ministry for the next generation.

Special Projects- The board reviews applications from our missionaries for special projects. You can find the 2025 approved special project list on our website.

Child Protection- The board takes missionary care and abuse prevention very seriously. We are implementing procedures and practices endorsed by the Child Safety and Prevention Network.

## Thank you


Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support of the AFLC World Missions Department! Our missionaries rely upon regular monthly gifts for their Personal Support. We ask that you would prayerfully consider supporting World Missions and our Missionaries through your generous donations.

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Missionary Pipeline - “If I sense a call to missions, how can I get involved?” is a question we are working to provide answers to. We are working on clarifying the process, so people know how to get involved.

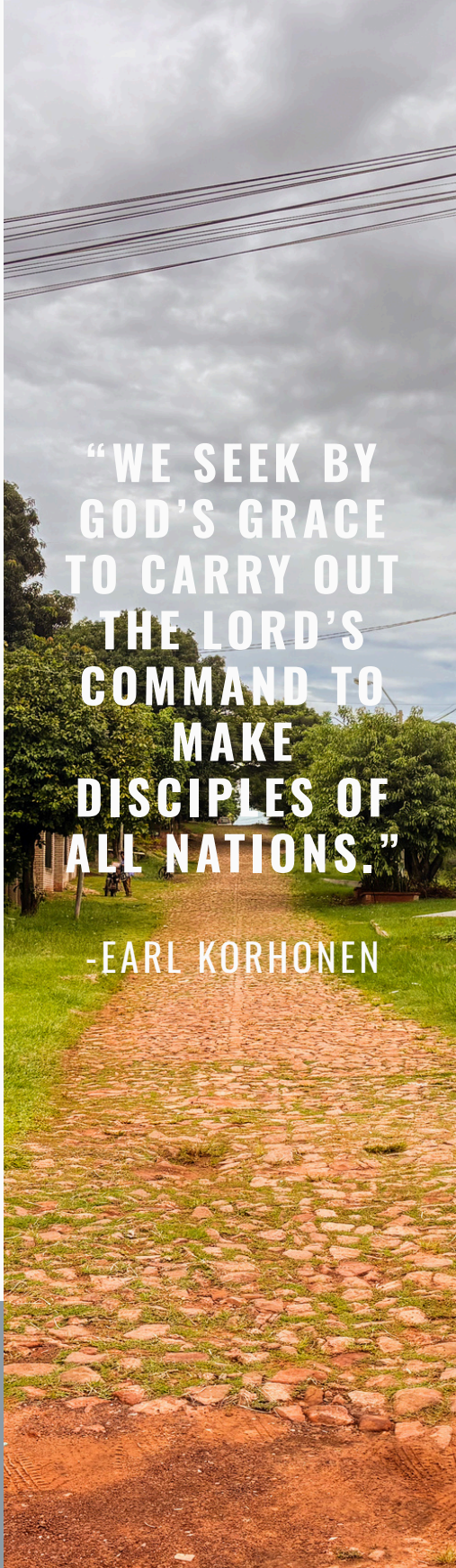
Please continue to pray for the AFLC World Mission Board and me.

## From the Field

- Zachariah and Carey Ritland, of Radcliffe, Iowa, are the newest AFLC missionaries. They will complete their missionary training this month and continue to visit congregations seeking prayer and financial partners.
- Todd and Barb Schierkolk are in New Mexico helping care for siblings of 6-month old Sanna who is hospitalized recovering from infant botulism.
- Michael Rokenbrodt is looking forward to heading back to Uganda in June, Lord willing to work with the Ambassador Free Living Church in Jinja.
- Paul and Becky Abel: are looking forward to furlough June-November 2025. They will be visiting congregations this summer and fall.
- Jonathan & Tamba Abel continue their discipleship ministry and Jonathan’s pastoral duties with the congregation in Maringa, as well as Bible camp at the Fazenda.
- Jonni Sliver asks for prayer for her upcoming furlough scheduled for April through September, 2025.
- Praise the Lord Jeffrey Lee’s recovery. Continue to pray for John Lee’s teaching in the Brazil seminary and discipleship of students.
- Matthew and Ednay Abel are praising the Lord for the completed walls on the Pavilion project! Next project: a cement floor.
- AFLC-India: It’s exciting to report that the Bible school in India is being attended by 11 students. Pray for their equipping! Pastor Luther and Vardhini will be at the Annual Conference and plan to visit some congregations in June.

We seek by God’s grace to carry out the Lord’s command to make disciples of all nations. We are a ministry of your congregation! Thank you for praying!

– Rev. Dr. Earl Korhonen,  
Executive Director, AFLC World Missions



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