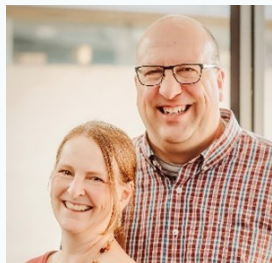


**ANNUAL MISSIONARY UPDATE****DAVID BOEREMA, EFCA REACH GLOBAL, APEX**

David works with Apex, a part of the EFCA missions' organization, Reach Global. Apex serves the local Church by mobilizing emerging leaders to advance the gospel with the objective of helping hundreds of young adults choose the path to follow God into full time ministry. Apex mobilizes students and youth groups with high quality missions training experiences. David has been supported by St. Paul's since 2017. He previously served as youth Pastor at St. Paul's. They have two sons, Tyler (22) and Will (20).

You can access their newsletter / social media at <https://give.efca.org/missionaries/david-shawna-boerema>

**TODD BROOKS, EFCA CENTRAL DISTRICT**

Todd Brooks is the Regional Superintendent (Church Multiplication) with EFCA Central District. He helps establish new churches while also assisting existing congregations to become "Life-Giving Churches." He was a pastor in St. Louis prior to his current role. St. Paul's has supported the Central District church planting role and began supporting Todd when he took over this work in 2019. Todd and Katie have four children.

**MIKE AND DEBBY EDWARDS, EFCA REACHGLOBAL**

Mike is responsible for building a team of skilled missionary-evangelists to learn effective ways to share the Gospel and then train others in the church to do likewise in the "rocky ground" of the San Francisco area. He was sent in June 2023 to establish this first US mission by ReachGlobal since missionaries were sent to Utah in 1950. St. Paul's first supported Mike and Debby in 2003 when they were sent to former East Germany. They are the parents of five adult children and 17 grandchildren.

**JONATHAN AND CASSI FRIZ, WISDOM WAY**

Jonathan founded Wisdom Way, which includes the 10 Days of Prayer, Global Family 24/7 Prayer and New England Alliance. He and Cassi live in western Massachusetts and serve there and around the world in uniting followers of Jesus and mobilizing prayer and worship. Jonathan recently published his first book, **10 Days**. Cassi homeschools their six children and manages a small farm. They are very active in their local church. St. Paul's has supported Jonathan and Cassi for over 13 years.

**NICK AND ERICA, CRU**

Nick and Erica transitioned to the US from work in the Middle East this past year. They will continue with CRU in Orlando, Florida, where Nick will work with a group that equips nationals to develop and use oral Bible stories and Erica will support women's health training in less-developed areas around the world. They have two young daughters. St. Paul's has supported Nick and Erica for the past six years.





### **RYAN AND DANA IRWIN, DUTCHTOWN OUTREACH**

Ryan and Dana Irwin founded the Dutchtown Outreach to serve youth and families in this south St. Louis neighborhood. They are currently rehabbing a building in the neighborhood to become a strategic base of operations for community engagement for things like Teen Nights, Family Dinners, Bible studies, and classes. While directly working with the youth in the community, the Irwins also continue to build partnerships with ministries and churches throughout the St. Louis region to bring the Body of Christ together for transformational impact on individuals in the Dutchtown neighborhood. St. Paul's has been supporting Dutchtown Outreach since 2020. Ryan and Dana have three daughters, one in college, one beginning college in fall 2024, and the youngest is a high school senior.

### **DAVE AND CINDY KAHRE, CRU**

Dave and Cindy work at the national level for CRU. St. Paul's began supporting the Kahres over 20 years ago when they served in Budapest, Hungary for nine years. Since then, they have served CRU in Florida, working with the Worldwide Student Network which is the international sending branch of the Campus Ministry. They are currently based in Ohio. Dave and Cindy have two adult children.



### **SOLOMON AND RUBY KENDAGOR, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, INC**

Solomon and Ruby are known as Global Ministry Specialists, ministering to students who have come to the St. Louis area from other countries. They follow up on former students who have returned to their countries or who have remained here in the US. Solomon and Ruby offer training in leadership, evangelism, and discipleship, along with marriage, family and Pastoral counseling. Currently, they provide this type of outreach in 12 countries as well as the US. Solomon also teaches and preaches through radio / TV ministries on two stations in Kenya. They have been supported by St. Paul's for over 20 years. They are the parents of four adult children.

### **DERRILL AND BECKY MARTIN**

#### **THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE MISSION (TEAM)**

Derrill and Becky have been faithfully partnering with the Global Church for decades to make disciples and plant churches in Asia. They served in the Philippines for many years. They currently reside in southeast Missouri, but continue to make frequent trips to Southeast Asia. St. Paul's has supported Derrill and Becky for 27 years. They are the parents of three adult children and grandparents of eleven.



### **CRICKET MEYER, UYESU UNATHI MINISTRIES**

Cricket Meyer is an independent missionary working under the oversight of the Elders at Evangelical Christian Fellowship. She has spent the past 20 years ministering to women and children at Uyesu Unathi Ministries, located in Khayelitsha, an informal settlement just outside of Cape Town, South Africa. She provides weekly Bible teaching to approximately 130 children between the ages of 4 & 6 years. Cricket also leads the staff of 15 in weekly Bible studies.

She runs a holiday/outreach program for approximately 300 children from the community who are between the ages of 6 – 11 years. Additionally, she leads outreach projects for the underprivileged elderly people living in shacks in the community. St. Paul's has been supporting Cricket since 2018.



### **ALLAN AND CINDY PAVEY, TORCHBEARER'S INTERNATIONAL**

Allan and Cindy have been ministering in Grenoble, France since 1992. They began at a small French church working with ten teenagers. Since that time, they have worked with folks from all of the protestant churches in Grenoble —either in church youth groups, city wide activities or camps. Their ministry has now impacted multiple generations, including children of the original ten teenagers from 1992! St. Paul's has been supporting Allan and Cindy since 1998. They have 2 sons who live in the St. Louis area with their wives.



Allan and Cindy's ministry has three focus areas:

1. The French church, where Allan is part of the church council, organizes the preaching schedule, leads the church services once or twice a month and leads music almost every Sunday.
2. Champfleuri, where they started in 2001. This camp hosts youth camps during the school vacations —English camps, ski camps, and art/music camps. Allan leads music, helps plan the camps with the Champfleuri team, is the technical director and has countless meals chatting with the young people. Cindy participates by teaching and helping where needed. The camp also hosts Torchbearers DEFI Bible School, a six-month discipleship Bible School for 18-32 year-olds. This year, 20 students from nine countries came to study the Bible, learn how to lead camps, and grow in their relationship with the Lord. Allan leads worship and small groups, eats lunch with the students, runs the Monday workday and helps lead the Thursday sports time. Cindy helps with students and leads a small group on Fridays.
3. The village Catholic school — Cindy has been teaching English to 3–11 year-old children at the same primary school since 2000. She also organizes and teaches the monthly religion classes.



### **MARK AND MARY ESTHER PENNER, WORLD VENTURE**

Mark and Mary Esther are long-time missionaries, assisting in Sign Language Bible translation, primarily in Japan and the Asia Pacific region. Based in Japan for many years, they are now based in California. They have been supported by St. Paul's for over 30 years. Mark and Mary Esther have two grown children and the entire family lives in southern California.

Monthly email prayer calendars are available on request.

Weekly prayer requests: <https://jslbible.org/get-involved/>

Daily prayer requests: <https://www.facebook.com/jslbible.prayer> Website: <https://worldventure.com>

### **PAUL AND SHARI SALZMAN, REACH BEYOND**

Paul and Shari work in Spanish radio ministry on the Mexican border. Paul is involved primarily with the technical / engineering aspect of the ministry. They live in El Paso, Texas. Paul works in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. Paul and Shari's ministry has been supported by St. Paul's for 30 years. They have six grown children and nine grandchildren.



### **JOHN AND MELISSA SHEHAN, IRIS GLOBAL MINISTRIES**

John and Melissa serve in Nacala, Mozambique, reaching the Makhuwa-Nahara people who are 99% Muslim. They are currently pioneering a new Iris mission location through evangelism, well drilling, children's programs, pastoral training, church building & more. Melissa grew up and was a part of the youth program at St. Paul's. The Shehans have been supported by our congregation since 2019.

### **CRAIG AND LADONNA SMITH, CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE**

Craig and LaDonna Smith are the founders of the evangelistic organization Tribal Rescue Ministries. They are Christian ministers from the Ojibwe and Navajo tribes. In their over 45 years of ministering together, their ministry focus has always been the proclamation of God's Word while seeking to live God-honoring lives. Craig Smith is licensed as a Christian and Missionary Alliance National Evangelist and serves as president of Tribal Rescue Ministries. LaDonna joins Craig in their music and teaching ministries, and in their equipping of many next-generation spiritual rescuers. The mission of Tribal Rescue Ministries is "Reaching the lost in our tribes and helping everyday believers become everyday spiritual rescuers in their tribes." Craig and LaDonna have been supported by St. Paul's for over 20 years.

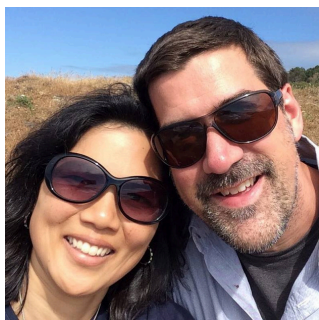


### **MARCO AND KARI VAN RAALTEN, TOGETHER STL**

Marco van Raalten was born and raised in Holland, Europe. At the age of 19 he left his country as a missionary and pastor. He has served in Asia, Africa, Europe, Central America and North America. Prior to moving to St. Louis in 2018, he spent 17 years in Farmington, MO. He serves with Together STL out of St. Paul Evangelical Church as a 'City Missionary' – working to bring the body of Christ closer together in the St. Louis Metro area for the purpose of spiritual renewal and missional impact. This is the fifth city where Marco has worked in this role. Marco and Kari have four adopted children: Nathan, Kevin, Clarissa and Grace.

### **SCOTT AND CATHY WALLER, EIDOS CHRISTIAN CENTER**

Scott and Cathy minister within the academic world. As a college professor and Ph.D., Scott seeks to influence people and advance the Gospel in an increasingly challenging environment within academia. St. Paul's has supported Scott and his wife Cathy in this ministry for nearly 30 years. They live in Southern California where Scott teaches at Biola University. They have two adult children.



### **NATE AND FAITH WALTER, ONE COLLECTIVE**

Nate and Faith and their team are located in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, where they welcome pilgrims who have just finished walking the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage trail. Through the Pilgrim House Welcome Center, they help pilgrims experience the tangible love of God and also engage deeper with the things that stirred in their hearts during pilgrimage. In addition, part of the team focuses on community development and has created some initiatives to reach the local community of Santiago. St. Paul's has been supporting Nate and

Faith since they began their work in Spain almost 17 years ago. They have four children (aged 14 to 21).

### **BRAD WOS, AMBASSADOR CITY CHURCH, EFCA**

Brad serves as the Director of a new church plant in St. Louis called Ambassador City Church, whose vision is to disciple foreign-born leaders who can then multiply grace by planting multi-ethnic churches across the metro area. Brad and his family lived in Cape Town, South Africa for 14 years serving with Mission to The World as Campus Ministry Director, community development (World Cup Soccer), church planting, and evangelism training. Brad has been supported by St. Paul's since 2016 when he began serving as the EFCA Central District Multicultural Director.



## **MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS**

### **DAVID BOEREMA, EFCA REACH GLOBAL, APEX**

Summer is almost here and it's Apex's busiest time of the year. They have youth groups serving at four EFCA churches across the country, and college students serving at seven ReachGlobal sites around the world. Pray that God would encourage the hearts and ministries of the leaders receiving these teams, and that the teams would understand and answer God's call to take the gospel to the 3 billion people in the world who currently do not have access to His word. Pray that the Apex team would care for and serve all these young people going on mission this summer.

### **TODD BROOKS, EFCA CENTRAL DISTRICT**

Pray for the health and development of four new church plants established in the past 12 months. Also, please pray for Todd and Katie's daughter, Sara, who is recovering from health setbacks.

### **MIKE AND DEBBY EDWARDS, EFCA REACHGLOBAL**

Pray for securing the finances required for launching a new San Francisco missions initiative in this high cost of living area. Please pray for additional individual and church supporters. The Edwards relocated to East Bay during the pandemic, but the evangelistic focus on San Francisco necessitates returning to the city. Please pray for their housing needs and the neighborhood God desires to locate them. The focus of this San Francisco mission is on people far from the church. This is challenging in a mystical and progressive city like San Francisco. Please pray that relationships with not-yet believers clearly demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ, breaking the misunderstandings and apathy toward Christianity. You can find the Edwards biweekly prayer updates at <http://eepurl.com/itPBdQ>

### **JONATHAN AND CASSI FRIZ, WISDOM WAY**

Pray for more people around the world to get involved in 10 Days. Pray for the success of Jonathan's publishing partnership, Presence Pioneers, as they seek to equip believers in prayer and worship. [www.presencepioneers.org](http://www.presencepioneers.org) Pray for the 10 Days documentary on the impacts of extraordinary prayer around the globe. The initial release of this film is planned for September 2024. [www.10daysfilm.com](http://www.10daysfilm.com)

### **RYAN AND DANA IRWIN, DUTCHTOWN OUTREACH**

Pray for fundraising for the Iowa House Project, the ministry of Dutchtown Outreach and the Irwin family. Pray for the family's housing which is in transition, and for changes in the family dynamic as the girls leave for college. Additionally, please pray for continued development of partnerships throughout the region, and for wisdom in engaging neighborhood teens who are reaching out for help.

### **SOLOMON AND RUBY KENDAGOR, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, INC**

The Kendagors will be in Kenya August 9-24 and serve as keynote speakers for a conference that will bring together former students who are now in leadership. Over 1000 people are expected at the conference.

### **DERRILL AND BECKY MARTIN, THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE MISSION (TEAM)**

Pray for the care and support of the TEAM workers in Asia. The Cross-Cultural Partnerships for Asia (CCPA) is having its annual gathering in the Philippines July 8th – 12th. St. Paul's is a part of the CCPA and has sent representatives to many of these gatherings over the years. Also, please pray for Derrill and Becky's upcoming travels to Asia in June and July of this year, and February and March of 2025.



### **CRICKET MEYER, UYESU UNATHI MINISTRIES**

Pray for the health and safety of the children and staff at Uyesu Unathi where there is continued violence, with gang and taxi wars being a daily occurrence. Also please pray that God will continue to work in the hearts and lives of the staff who struggle between cultural and Christian beliefs. The construction of two new classrooms and bathrooms continues to make progress, but please pray for the financing needed due to increased building costs. Lastly, but most importantly, please pray that the children would learn to love Jesus from an early age and that they would come to a point in their lives when they are old enough to ask Jesus to be their Savior.

### **NICK AND ERICA, CRU**

Pray for transitions, especially for their young daughters who are still experiencing sadness and loss from the transition back to America last year. Pray for Nick and Erica as they move from the developmental program of the past year into their new roles this summer.

### **ALLAN AND CINDY PAVEY, TORCHBEARER'S INTERNATIONAL**

Please pray for more leaders for the Paveys' French church, and for a few new, younger workers at Champfleuri. Pray for Cindy - at least 3 of the 5 teachers are changing for the next school year.

### **MARK AND MARY ESTHER PENNER, WORLD VENTURE**

Health for SLBT (Sign Language Bible Translation) team members experiencing pain in their shoulders and arms from signing so much. Pray for others experiencing health issues. APSDA (Asia Pacific Sign Language Development Assoc. - a consortium of sign language Bible translation projects in Asia Pacific) executive committee meetings will be held April 22-26. Pray for wisdom as their ministry expands. As technology improves, there is the possibility of using AI to alter the appearance of an on-screen signer to protect their identity while maintaining realistic and high-quality signing. Pray that the groups developing this technology will be blessed with wisdom, and that they can use it for the Japanese Sign Language Bible.

### **PAUL AND SHARI SALZMAN, REACH BEYOND**

Pray that Paul finds a couple of young men to take over when he retires later this year. Pray for their prodigal daughter, Hannah, that she might turn back to Jesus. Pray for various chronic health issues that both Paul and Shari have. Pray for healing of relationships and peace at the station in El Paso as the former manager was let go and took a number of people out with him, causing dissension.

### **JOHN AND MELISSA SHEHAN, IRIS GLOBAL MINISTRIES**

Please pray for soft hearts to reach the people in their community. Pray for wisdom as John and Melissa train and disciple new pastors and believers. Pray for them as they begin building their own house in Nacala.

### **MARCO AND KARI VAN RAALTEN, TOGETHER STL**

Pray for the ongoing collaboration among churches in St. Louis. Pray that trust may grow, relationships are strengthened and there will be a deep abiding together in Christ. Pray that these collaboratives would bear fruit in being on mission together to love our city.

### **SCOTT AND CATHY WALLER, EIDOS CHRISTIAN CENTER**

Pray that God will continue to give Scott the forums to challenge false ideas that are making people cold to the Gospel. Pray that the Lord will continue to give him speaking, teaching, and publishing forums that will influence people for Christ.

### **NATE AND FAITH WALTER, ONE COLLECTIVE**

The pilgrim season is getting busy, and the team would appreciate prayer for wisdom and compassion as they care for each pilgrim that comes to Pilgrim House. They would also appreciate prayers for a new Pilgrim House Business Manager to be recruited.