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JESUS  
TOGETHER

# GO

MAKING DISCIPLES of ALL NATIONS

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# A WORLD DESPERATE FOR THE SAVIOR

Many of us have probably heard the tales of the courageous missionary explorers, slashing through a never-before-seen expanse of hot, dense tropical forests, sweating in the intense heat, slapping away mosquitoes, fending off wild animals and partaking of food we would have never imagined could be edible. All driven by a spark of hope of somehow communicating and sharing the gospel of Jesus with people whose language had never been heard outside their own dwellings. And we think, “How could anyone give their life away like that?”

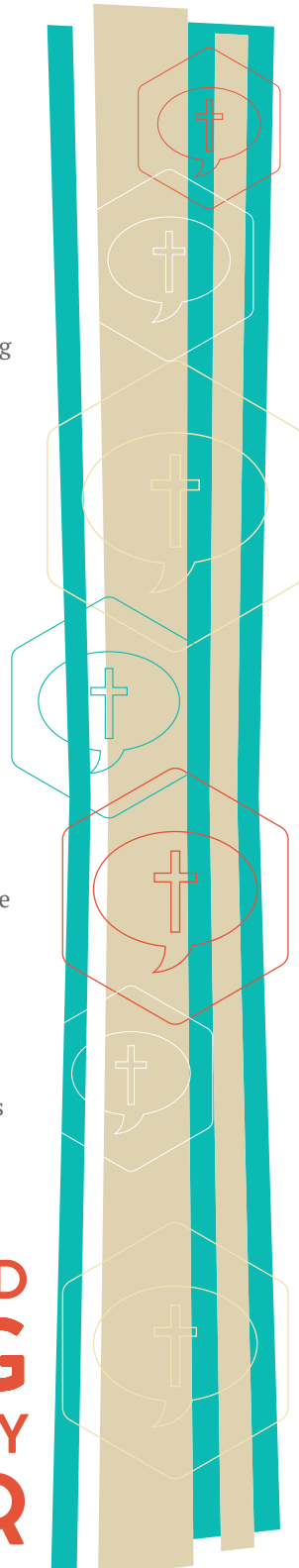
Christ’s Great Commission in Matthew 28:16-20 is the call to do precisely that.

While not all of us are going to be sent into remote parts of the planet, we do have a command to go and make disciples of all mankind. “All mankind” includes our neighbors, co-workers, family, or even strangers with whom we strike up a conversation with at any moment. God expects us to live a Gospel-centered life, prepared to share and demonstrate His love, a language in which God has given universal fluency.

On the pages here are just a few examples of people who are speaking that love. Whether a season of life, or the entirety of it, these individuals, families and organizations understand the Gospel call, and trust in the promise of God’s presence as they share Jesus with the world. Wellspring Church believes in the vision God has given them and have partnered with them financially as well as committed to them our prayer support. Please join us in prayer for them!

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## A SACRED CALLING FOR EVERY BELIEVER



## ANDY & CARMEN CASTILLO · WORLD REACH

The Castillos work together as church planters, small group leaders and creative visionaries for ministry in a mountainous region of Honduras. They have three sons (teen, pre-teen) who serve closely with them and other members of their church as they serve the people who live in the San Francisco area of this sprawling city. Their vision is to develop a community center to reach the educational, spiritual and medical needs of the people they are ministering to.

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### HOW TO PRAY:

- Against the fast-growing criminal activity in the country
- For political stability in Central America
- That God would provide much needed discipleship training in the local churches of Honduras



## CALEB CURTIS · PRAY BERLIN

Home to over 3.5 million people and the destination of hundreds of thousands of refugees over the past few years, Berlin has both great need and opportunity for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God has given me a passion to reach young people as student ministries director at Crossway International church. My aim is to see young people begin and then grow in their relationship with Christ. We are committed to training, encouraging, and equipping these future leaders in Berlin and praying that they will be the sparks that start a spiritual revival in this dark city!

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### HOW TO PRAY:

- That revival will spark in this spiritually dark city (Most estimates say that less than 1% of this city are born again believers).
- That my ministry and others throughout the city would be successfully raising up Berliners to do the work of the ministry and lead churches
- That God would continue to send workers into the incredibly needy harvest field of Europe



## KYLE & MELISSA DONKER · CRU

We get to worship God through engaging Grand Valley State University with the good news of Jesus Christ! An ever-growing campus with 28,000+ students from across the state, nation, and world, Grand Valley has become a strategic location to bring the gospel to the world through sharing Christ with students right down the road. Being captivated by our Lord's love for years, we long to bring others into our joy in Him! Our greatest hope is to WIN as many students to Christ as possible, BUILD them up in their relationship with the Lord, and SEND them out into the world to make disciples of all tribes, nations, and languages!

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### HOW TO PRAY:

- Pray that our son, Caleb, will one day know the Lord and commit his life to Him
- Pray that God will constantly humble us so that we will always be dependent on Him and not ourselves, as we are so often tempted to do.
- Pray that our love for God ever deepens
- Pray that we gladly follow God as He leads us, regardless of the cost.







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**CALEB CURTIS**  
ABWE INTERNATIONAL  
BERLIN, GERMANY

A circular callout featuring a portrait of Caleb Curtis, a man with short dark hair and a goatee, wearing a black and orange shirt. The callout is set against a background of a world map with teal wavy lines.



**ALEXANDRA THISS**  
YOUTH WITH A MISSION  
AUSTRALIA

A circular callout featuring a portrait of Alexandra Thiss, a young woman with a purple headband and a purple top, smiling. The callout is set against a background of a world map with teal wavy lines.



**THE NIELSEN FAMILY**  
RIFT VALLEY ACADEMY  
KIJABE, KENYA

A circular callout featuring a group photo of the Nielsen family, including several children and adults, smiling. The callout is set against a background of a world map with teal wavy lines.



**DAN & RACHEL SMITHER**  
KEY OF HOPE  
DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

A circular callout featuring a group photo of Dan and Rachel Smither with a large group of children and adults. The callout is set against a background of a world map with teal wavy lines.

## TRAVIS & PATTI NIELSEN · RIFT VALLEY ACADEMY

The Nielsen family is just wrapping up their 16th year at Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya. RVA is an American school primarily for the children of missionaries who serve all over the continent of Africa in the capacity of church planters, educators, linguists, medical personnel, training of national leaders, and evangelism. Our roles at RVA are of a support nature, allowing other missionaries to be on the field while we educate their children in the capacity of teachers, caregivers, and mentors. Our goal is to provide a safe haven for these children; to love, educate, and disciple them to their full potential in Christ.

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### HOW TO PRAY:

- We ask you to please pray with us as we pursue a future ministry in North Africa, working amongst Muslims.
- Please pray with us that God would provide a house and vehicle for us to use during our home assignment that would be affordable for missionaries.
- We would be grateful for your prayers for the transition of our family in the next six months. It will have been five and a half years since we have had extended time with friends and family and eight years since Joshua and Tia have been in a public school. The changes will be significant.



## ANDY & MICHELLE SHINABERY · EAST/WEST MINISTRIES

The Shinaberys are missionaries to restricted access countries and unreached people groups with East West Ministries International. In June of this year, Andy began a new role at East West as Regional Coordinator for Latin America and Caribbean. Andy coordinates field ministries, finances and short-term teams with East West in countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. At East West, the Shinabery's oversee regional field ministries, help field personnel develop annual ministry plans, encourage and provide accountability for national partners and evaluate ministry activity for balance and effectiveness.

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### HOW TO PRAY:

- Our summer is busy with partnership development for the new position. We need to be fully funded by September first.
- Our long-term vision and prayer requests are to see the Lord mobilize people from Latin America to go and serve as missionaries in unreached people groups.



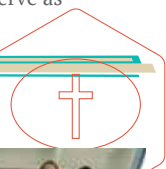
## DAN & RACHEL SMITHER · KEY OF HOPE

Our mission is to reach children affected by poverty and AIDS with the hope found in Jesus Christ through long-term mentoring relationships. We achieve this through a variety of weekly programs, including: preschools, Saturday Kidz Klub, choir, school fees assistance, feeding programs, after school tutoring, job skill training, and leadership development, among others. In addition, each child is visited at their home every week by one of our caring staff, forging solid, healthy relationships that create the backbone of their social, physical, academic, and spiritual growth.

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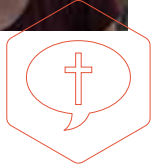
### HOW TO PRAY:

- Health, healing, and strength for our children who are HIV+
- Safety for our staff, who work in extremely dangerous areas.
- Favor within the communities and local government.
- Provision to carry out the work.



## ALI THISS · YOUTH WITH A MISSION

YWAM focuses on knowing God personally and making God known throughout the nations. For part of the year, Ali is part of a team that leads a Discipleship Training School, where she helps young people during a 3-month lecture phase to encounter God, grow in holiness, gain perspective, experience belonging, and build a lasting foundation. During a 3-month outreach phase, Ali walks alongside students as they serve and share the love of God in the nations. During the second half of the year, Ali serves with a ministry within YWAM called Homes of Hope, which focuses on mobilizing teams to partner with impoverished communities to build homes and show God's love, seeking to bring hope to the poor and powerless through practical service.



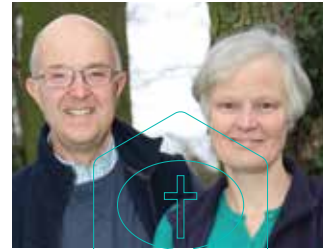
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### HOW TO PRAY:

- For a smooth and effective transition from Discipleship Training School to Homes of Hope
- Lasting impact of what YWAM does - both in the students and among the nations

## RICHARD & CATHERINE WESTON · FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL

We live in Oxford, UK where the world comes to study. God can do amazing things when ordinary Christians in local churches offer friendship to people a long way from home. We have been welcoming international students in our home since 1985 and have worked at encouraging churches in the UK to do the same. More recently we have travelled to other parts of the world to encourage churches there to care for foreign students in their cities and to share Jesus with them. Right now we are entering a new season with less travel, and more training and resourcing the next generation of international student workers. Catherine is writing a handbook for churches in the UK and Richard is working on content for a website serving churches and international student ministries in continental Europe.



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### HOW TO PRAY:

- For tenacity and creativity in our writing projects, and that they would truly serve their equipping purpose. Completion, we trust will be in 2019.
- For many to whom we are ministering personally to trust in Jesus.
- That we would daily know God's wisdom in projects to take on or what to leave aside.
- That our relationships with our international student friends would be trustworthy and point to Jesus.

## HOW ABOUT YOU?

Do you feel the calling to serve the Lord through missions? You can get more information on our website at [wellspringcc.org/missions](http://wellspringcc.org/missions). There, you will find the information included in this booklet, as well as ways to get involved, including short-term mission trips, ways to pray, and to see more about how missions fits into Wellspring Church's vision.



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I CHRONICLES 16:24 "Declare his glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples."





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