

TYRONE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MISSIONARIES



MATTHEW 28:18-20

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

SUPPORTING YOUR MISSIONARIES —————

RELATIONSHIPS ARE THE GOAL:

Missionaries are people just like us whom God has called to sometimes go to the other side of the world, or at other times, to our own backyard, to share His good news. The goal of this booklet is to help you connect with and support TCPC's missionaries by building relationships with them.

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR MISSIONARIES:

1. **PRAY** - we encourage you to pray at home or corporately for our missionaries. Watch for announcements in your bulletin regarding corporate times of prayer.
2. **NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION** - many missionaries send out a regular newsletter with current stories of how God is working and prayer requests.
3. **WRITE A LETTER/EMAIL** - send your missionary a personal note of encouragement, how something in their newsletter impacted you, or what current events you are involved in at TCPC. Hearing how God is working through you is just as encouraging to missionaries as their stories are to you. Additionally, sending a homemade card or birthday wish can be a wonderful surprise!
4. **GIVE FINANCIALLY** - most missionaries rely on individual monthly support so that they can continue their work. Contact your missionary to learn about the different ways you can give.
5. **HOST MISSIONARIES** - bless missionaries when they visit TCPC by being their home away from home. Let Pastor Mark or the mission committee know if you are interested.
6. **JOIN THE MISSION COMMITTEE** - we meet twice monthly, once in person on ministry meeting Sundays and once on zoom sometime during the week. We are the team behind the scenes of the great commission working to connect our missionaries and congregation.
7. **VISIT** - not every missionary is overseas. Jerry and Katherine Riendeau and Sarah Warner are local to Michigan! Reach out to these missionaries for when you can come to learn about their work, encourage, and pray with them!

JULIAN & RACHEL BACON ——— BRUSSELS, BELGIUM



MISSION TO THE WORLD (MTW)

Julian (b.d. 12/23) and Rachel (b.d. 10/19) live in Brussels, Belgium, and have three young children: Sophia (b.d. 9/27), Leo (b.d. 4/14), and Noah (b.d. 1/15). Julian is a native Belgian and an ordained teaching elder in the PCA. Rachel is American, having been born to missionary parents in the Philippines and later spending the majority of her life in North Carolina. Rachel and Julian met in 2014 in the Netherlands while doing volunteer work and seminary respectively. Since then, they have had a strong joint call to ministry in Western Europe. They have been serving Hope International Church in Belgium since 2021 as part of a church planting team. You can find out more about the church at hopebrussels.com. Rachel also works with Community Bible Study International, an inductive Bible study organization.

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- That Jesus Christ would build Hope International Church, and that the gates of hell would not prevail against it.
- That community groups would build one another up through Bible study and godly relationships.
- That the gospel would be continually transforming Julian and Rachel in their marriage and parenting. That their children would learn early to love and obey Jesus. For wisdom to balance ministry and family time.
- That the pastoral intern would grow in godliness and effective ministry.
- For an adequate worship space.
- For effective expansion of the Community Bible Study ministry through a new online leadership training program.

PERSONAL NOTES:



CASA JOSEFINA (JOSEPHINE HOUSE)

Keith and Ruth Powlison moved to Cusco Peru in 1999. Over time, they began to see many children being abandoned and even dying in their community because of abuse and neglect. Many families simply could not care for their babies due to poverty, destructive family situations, or other life circumstances. After adopting two children from the village, Keith and Ruth decided that it was time to provide a place for the many other vulnerable children in their community. With a huge step of faith, Casa Josefina was born in 2008. It was named after Ruth's aunt, Josephine Kupferschmid, who directed an orphanage in Brazil for more than 15 years. Kristen Henson took over as director in 2017.

Hundreds of children have passed through the home over the past 10 years. Some have been adopted and others returned to biological family members. Their goal is to love and care for each child that comes through their doors physically, mentally, and spiritually until the day that they leave. Ultimately, they desire for each child to end up in families that will love them deeply.

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Clear guidance for future plans and strategies for caring for the children, particularly the development of the foster care program.
- Increased support.
- Healing for the children who have gone through abuse and trauma.
- The work of the Holy Spirit to bring the children to faith in Jesus Christ.
- Redeeming grace for teens and young adults who came through Casa Josefina and are facing deep spiritual and emotional struggles.
- That God would raise up stable, Christ-centered homes for the children, both foster and adoptive.

PERSONAL NOTES:



IGLESIA REFORMADA NACIÓN DE DIOS

Luis Román and José Ángel Ramírez are the two pastors of the Iglesia Reformada (Reformed Church) Nación de Dios. Luis Román holds a degree in theology and is married to María Teresa. He is the founder of the congregation and is passionate about preaching, discipleship, and evangelism. José Ángel Ramírez holds a master's degree in theology and is married to Lizeth. They have three children (Jeremías, Belén, and Timoteo). He is passionate about teaching and loves writing about theology. Both are joyful pastors dedicated to serving the Kingdom of God.

The Reformed Church Nación de Dios is a congregation with approximately 150 members. It was founded in 2012. It has two ruling elders: Alexander Rocha and Alexis Martínez. It is a Presbyterian and Reformed congregation that serves as a light in a city where a humanist gospel prevails. Their church is the only Presbyterian church in the city and is committed to advancing the Kingdom of God, Christ-centered preaching, and works of mercy.

COLOMBIA PASTORS ————— CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA

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GIVE:



Donate to help build their church either by

1. Designating your check to TCPC as Cartagena Building Fund
2. Visiting their website and donating through PayPal
<https://iglesiareformadanaciondedios.com/donate-now>

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- That Jesus Christ would build His church in Cartagena, and that the gates of hell would not prevail against it.
- God's direction and provision concerning a safe and adequate worship space.
- That the needs of the pastors, elders, and congregation would be abundantly supplied according to God's riches in glory.
- For growth in spiritual maturity and fruitfulness in ministry. That Cartagena would be impacted and transformed by the gospel.
- For the church's outreach to the town of Rocha. Women and children are responding to the gospel, but few (if any) men. Please pray that God would open the hearts of men to repent and believe the gospel.

PERSONAL NOTES:



KHARKIV PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRY

The Kharkiv Presbyterian Church is a part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ukraine (EPCU). This denomination was founded over 30 years ago by missionaries from Mission to the World (MTW), and the first church was established in Odesa in 1996. Since then, by God's grace, 15 churches have been planted across Ukraine between 1996 and 2022. Kharkiv is Ukraine's second-largest city, located just 30 kilometers from the Russian border. This church is currently the only Presbyterian church in the city and the easternmost Reformed church in Ukraine. They are committed to planting, strengthening, and multiplying Christ-centered, Reformed churches across Ukraine.

It is led by Pastor Serhii (pictured left) and deacon Mark Agarkov (pictured right). Pastor Serhii's wife, Nastia, and five-year-old daughter, Sofia, remain in Germany as Sofia has kidney issues that require medical treatment. (They have been apart for the four-year duration of the war). Mark Agarkov is married to Christina and they have three children: Augustine, Rufus, and Clement.

SERHII AND MARK ————— **KHARKIV, UKRAINE**

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Or you can give through MTW using the project #90965 (Ukraine Crisis Fund) with a memo designating your gift for the Kharkiv Presbyterian Ministry

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Peace in Ukraine: For a just and lasting end to the war.
- Spiritual revival: That many hearts would be awakened and turn to Christ.
- Strength for their church: For the Kharkiv church family to shine brightly amid the darkness.
- Protection and endurance: For their leaders, families, and children.
- Long-term partnerships: They are seeking churches willing to commit to pray for them and partner with them in ongoing support.

PERSONAL NOTES:

MALAWI REFORMATION NETWORK—MALAWI, AFRICA



MALAWI REFORMATION NETWORK (MRN)

Malawi is a small country in the southeastern part of Africa with a population around 18 million. Today in Blantyre, Malawi, approximately 1 out of 100 churches practice Reformed Biblical Christianity. Founded by Confex Makhalira, Malawi Reformation Network (MRN) promotes the growth and multiplication of solid Reformed churches in Malawi, Southern Africa, through the gospel ministry of godly, and well-trained men. With various partnerships, MRN provides Reformed theological education, pastoral training, and supports the planting of confessional Reformed churches.

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For grace and wisdom in counteracting years of false teaching.
- Pray for:
 - Founder/Mentor: Confex Makhalira (wife Mwai, and daughters Eva and Ellana), as he pastors Christ Presbyterian Church in Blantyre, Malawi, and mentors the interns as they return from training in the U.S. (Pictured top left)
 - Church Planter: Madalitso Dube, (wife Rose, son Joyous and daughter Joanna), and their new church plant in Zomba. (Pictured top right)
 - Church Planter: Sandram Phiri (wife Tinolliah) currently involved in a church plant (Faith Presbyterian) meeting in his home. (Pictured bottom left)
 - Pastoral Intern: Boston Chabzola (b.d. 11/17) and his wife Maureen (b.d. 5/17) and daughter Zipporah (b.d. 7/8). As a resident at University Reformed Church, East Lansing, Boston is pursuing further theological training at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary in preparation to plant a church in Malawi's capital city, Lilongwe. (Pictured bottom right)

PERSONAL NOTES:

JERRY & KATHERINE RIENDEAU — DEARBORN, MI



GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor Jerry (b.d. 10/13) is married to Katherine (b.d. 10/26) and is father of Virginia (b.d. 6/12), Alice (b.d. 1/21), Jerry (b.d. 1/18), and William (b.d. 12/30). He is a graduate of Virginia Tech and Reformed Theological Seminary. Jerry and Katherine moved to Dearborn in the summer of 2022 to plant Grace Presbyterian Church in connection with the Detroit Project. Before moving to Detroit, Jerry and Katherine served for 13 years with the college ministry Cru at Virginia Tech and James Madison University. As a result, they have a passion for ministry to college students and young adults that continues to mark their work in church planting through outreach at the University of Michigan at Dearborn and Henry Ford College.

JERRY & KATHERINE RIENDEAU — DEARBORN, MI

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Praise for a spacious and highly visible place of worship that has been instrumental in many new visitors coming to church services.
- Pray for God's abundant provision to cover the high cost of leasing this worship space.
- Praise for many contacts in the community and on university campuses. Pray that hearts would be opened to receive the gospel.
- Pray that Jesus Christ would build His church in Dearborn, and that the gates of hell would not prevail against it.
- Pray that Dearborn would become a place where it is difficult to avoid the gospel.
- Pray that the gospel would be continually transforming Jerry and Katherine in their marriage and parenting. That their children would learn early to love and obey Jesus. For wisdom to balance ministry and family time.

PERSONAL NOTES:

PAUL & LIZZIE SANDULEAC — CHIȘINĂU, MOLDOVA



CHIȘINĂU REFORMED CHURCH

Paul Sanduleac (b.d. 2/21) was born in Moldova and has a background in software engineering. He met Lizzie (b.d. 9/16) while attending Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS. They moved to Chisinau, Moldova in 2022 to plant one of the first Presbyterian churches in the country. In addition to pastoring, Paul teaches philosophy at a local secular university, encourages fellow evangelical pastors, and mentors young aspiring pastors in neighboring countries. Lizzie cares for their children, Thomas (b.d. 12/12), Ben (b.d. 1/1), and Lucy (b.d. 8/12); and disciples young women in the church.

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For church growth both numerically and in spiritual maturity. The population of Moldova tends to be transient as there is not much economic future there. Pray for faithful, longterm church members.
- For the Crawford family as they raise support to join the Sanduleacs in Moldova. Paul and Lizzie keenly feel the need for help in their ministry.
- For conversions among the unbelievers who visit the church, as well as those whom Paul meets in university classes, sports clubs/camps, and other opportunities.
- Praise for the heritage of faith both Paul and Lizzie have received from their parents. Pray that the gospel would continue to shine in their home, and that their children would learn early to love and follow Jesus.
- For the broader church in Moldova to grow in depth of biblical truth, faith, and obedience.

PERSONAL NOTES:



REFORMED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP (RUF)

Sarah Warner (b.d. 11/26) grew up down the road in Brighton, MI. While earning her degree from “the other school,” Michigan State University, in Exercise Science, her faith really became her own and she started considering vocational ministry. After two years as a youth intern in a presbyterian church in Georgia, she felt called to college ministry on U of M campus and joined Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) staff in 2023. RUF is a presbyterian college ministry that is found all over the US. Sarah works to evangelize and disciple women students and oversees RUF’s growing outreach to international students. She is married to Caleb Warner (b.d. 10/30).

SARAH WARNER ————— ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For gospel fruit on the desperately needy U of M campus.
- For continued spirit guided student contacts and gospel conversations.
- For creativity and a greater reach within the international student community. And that Sarah's current efforts would be successful in building relationships including in English conversation circles, at international student dinners, and events hosted by U of M.
- For continued staff harmony and unity within RUF as they strive to reach different students and areas of campus.

PERSONAL NOTES:



CRU: INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Since 1976, Duane and Martha have been involved in evangelism, discipleship, and leadership development with CRU in Germany and other European countries. In the fall of 2019, they moved from Germany back to the USA and are now living in Vermont. In retirement they continue to train and mentor ministry teams and individuals both remotely and in person as they travel often back to Europe. They have three grown children – one in Vermont (where they have seven grandchildren!), one in Lisbon, Portugal, and one in Munich, Germany (where they have two grandchildren).

DUANE & MARTHA CONRAD ————— **RETIRED**

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- The Lord's blessing on their training of ministry teams around the world in partnership development and financial freedom. That the gospel may go forward without hindrance.
- Salvation for the many long-term friends with whom they have shared the gospel through the years. Pray that the Holy Spirit would remove the blinders from their eyes.
- That the Lord would use them as they attend and serve at the Quechee Church in Vermont where their son-in-law pastors. Pray for salvation for new friends and contacts in the area.
- For the Lord's blessing on each of their children and grandchildren.

PERSONAL NOTES:



MISSION TO THE WORLD (MTW)

Keith (b.d. 5/16) and Ruth (b.d. 1/20) met at Columbia Bible College in 1977 and married in 1978. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Pictured above with Keith and Ruth are their two adopted daughters Ellie (b.d. 6/24) and Emma (b.d. 10/30). The Powlisons began serving on the foreign mission field in 1984. Upon retirement from MTW, after forty years of ministry in Quito, Ecuador and Cusco, Peru, Keith and Ruth, with Ellie and Emma, moved from Peru to Northern Michigan in January of 2026. They are enjoying the quiet of rural life and the beauty of the seasons as they settle in and build relationships in Manton and Lake City. They are seeking the Lord as to how He would have them serve the local church and share the gospel in their new setting.

KEITH AND RUTH POWLISON—————**RETIRED**

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Praise for a smooth transition from Peru to northern Michigan.
- Spiritual growth and fruitfulness in these years of retirement.
- A strong and encouraging community for Ellie and Emma.
- Continued ministry both long-distance and in personal visits to friends, churches, and family members back in Peru.

PERSONAL NOTES:

