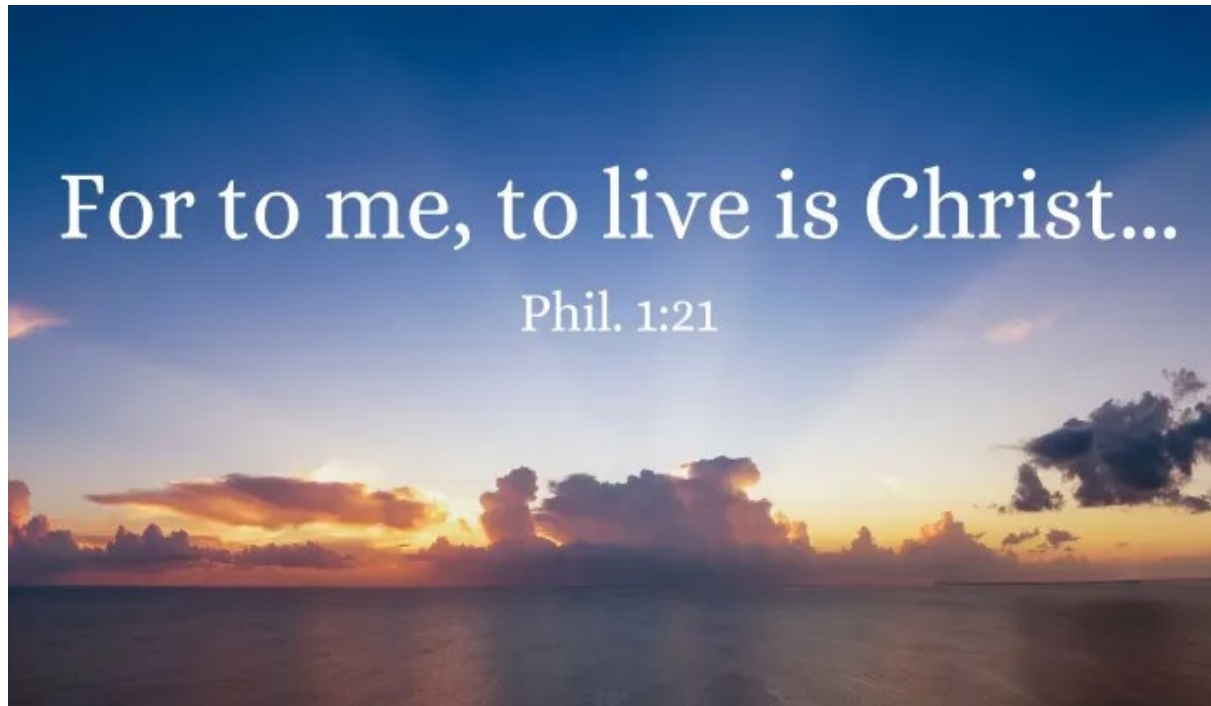


# **DECATUR BIBLE CHAPEL MISSIONS NEWSLETTER**



**“LIVING THE GOSPEL”**

**APRIL 2026**

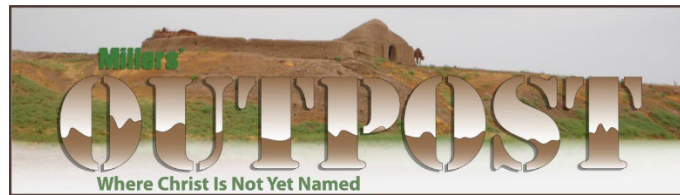
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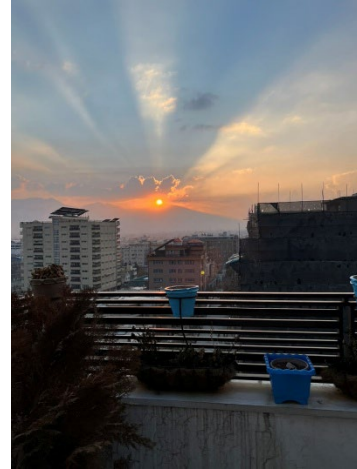
*Eastern Luma in their Mountain Area*

**Weekly Praise & Prayer**

Thank you for asking God to make Scripture more available to the Eastern Luma people. A video of one of the Psalms has been produced and will be posted soon for them to see.

Many Owala speakers have been forced to become refugees due to a severe political and military crisis. They are currently without a permanent home, and they often end up as visitors in the home of an Owala family, who shows Scripture videos to them. The family has a video projector, and they play the videos on a large wall in their guest room. God is turning the unfortunate difficulties into an avenue for good and His glory.

Joyfully,  
David & Cathy Miller



## The Place We Left

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Just over a year ago, we made the difficult decision to evacuate the country in Central Asia where we have served the Lord in the ministry of Bible translation. We didn't want to leave. We were forced to leave. And this was after spending the majority of the last 23 years there. While we prayed and hoped that the departure would be temporary, it became abundantly clear that we might be detained if we returned. This was a huge emotional blow. Our hearts yearn for God's message of life to be known among the Central Asians, and we love being able to walk out our door to spend time with them, speak their languages, and enjoy their culture. But we've been shut out of that for now.

When we left Central Asia in a matter of 18 hours, there was no time to sell our car or make arrangements for the apartment and all its furnishings. We left with just one suitcase each in order not to draw attention to our departure. Our life there had been such a joyful haven, organized and ready for work, productivity, and daily living. We lost all that. We were plunged into limbo and a nomadic existence for many months. We identified with Abraham, "who by an act of faith lived in the country promised him, lived as a stranger camping in tents. Abraham did it by keeping his eye on an unseen city with real, eternal foundations—the City designed and built by God." Hebrews 11:9-10

It has not been a very smooth transition to life in the USA. Finding a house happened relatively quickly, but setting it up for living did not. The renovation process was complex and emotionally taxing. At the same time, we are grateful to God for being within 9 minutes of Cathy's father and for

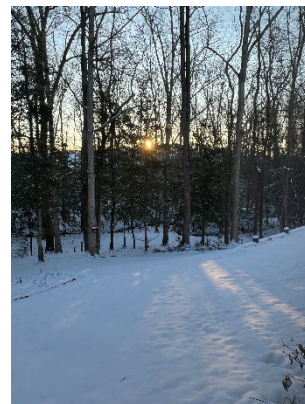
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living in the same house as David’s parents, who moved from Texas to be with us. Our parents are in their upper 80’s, and it is our joy to love on them during this season.

You might be wondering if we will return to Central Asia. It would take a regime change to open the door for that due to the present circumstances, and such a change doesn’t seem likely. We continue to say to the Lord: “Anything. Anywhere. Anytime.” We will go wherever and do whatever will best enable His Word to become available, known, and loved by Central Asians. We are committed to continuing to do that from our present location, and we thank God for how he is making this more effective than we had imagined it could be.

The financial burden of this process has been substantial. We estimate that we lost at least \$10,000 worth of our possessions in Central Asia—including our car—as they were sequestered by officials there. And it has taken more than \$10,000 to purchase furniture, appliances, dishes, etc. to live in America. This is in addition to the savings spent to buy a house with David’s parents and to renovate it into two living units. We are deeply grateful to God for the many ways that he has helped us along the way, providing emergency funds for our unexpected travel expenses and keeping our monthly income stable. Some of you sent extra funds to help with the emergencies, and everyone who previously had sent us regular donations has continued to do so faithfully. We thank you so much for standing with us. We are asking you to please consider sending a donation for us at this time to help us offset the losses we experienced and the unexpected costs of a new living place. Click the link [here](#) or the image down below to donate. Put our names and account number 284084 in the box on the donation webpage.

On the positive side, as you have seen from our newsletters over the past year, the Lord has enabled us to continue the work of Bible translation ministry from a distance. How grateful we are for the internet: both for us and for our Central Asian colleagues with whom we work on a daily basis. As with so many challenges in life, this is drawing us back to reliance on the Lord, our All-Sufficient One. We rejoice in Him. No weapon fashioned against Him shall stand. While not only our evacuation but many other challenges this year have felt like they had the force of spiritual opposition behind them, we trust Him to keep hold of us and to open new doors so that His message of life can spread all across Central Asia. He is the One who started this work, and He is the One who will finish it. All glory to Him and Him alone.



## The Place We Arrived

“Thank you for walking with the Millers as they have served the Lord in the ministry of Bible Translation. Serving in difficult places has indeed meant that they have faced hardships and loss along their way. In 2025, the Millers were forced to evacuate their home in Central Asia and leave most everything behind. They have been examples of those who joyfully accepted the plundering of their property (Hebrews 10:34). But the cumulative financial impact has taken a toll. As you are able, would you consider an extra one-time gift to help them? This would be a big encouragement and practical help for them to continue serving the people of Central Asia with access to the Word of God.”

~ Paul Williamson

(Field Leader for Bible Translation in Central Asia)



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***Romans 15:20-21 My ambition always has been to preach the Good News where the name of Christ has never been heard rather than where a church already has been established by someone else. I have been following the plan spoken of in the Scriptures, where it says, "Those who have never been told about Him will see, and those who have never heard of Him will understand."***



## *Eastern Luma Ceremony*

### **Weekly Praise & Prayer**

The new focus on making Scripture more available in new and better ways among the Eastern Luma people has made good strides in this first week. Thank you so much for making that a specific focus for your prayers. We envision that some new videos of Psalms and Proverbs should be produced and made available soon.

Thank you for continuing to pray for good resolution to the crisis in Central Asia. There might be some positive developments coming soon.

Joyfully,  
David & Cathy Miller



Dear friends and family,

March has been a good month through our ministries. We would love to share some pictures from these recent activities, along with a few prayer requests.



This week, Nemesio has been running a Vacation Bible School at our local church for three days, where the kids enjoyed Bible stories, puppet ministry, games, and more.



Samuel Saccsara recently led the first of three Bible study workshops planned for this year in the village of Chuschi, Cangallo, Ayacucho. All sessions are taught in Quechua to serve the local community in their own language and cultural context. The goal is to equip participants to later teach these workshops

in nearby communities and remote Andean villages, with a graduation ceremony at the end.

This first workshop was especially meaningful. The people of Chuschi continue to preserve their culture, and teaching in Quechua allowed participants to engage deeply with Scripture and learn to study God’s Word for themselves. It was encouraging to see them discover biblical truths firsthand.

A younger generation is also committed to preserving their identity and needs encouragement to see how God can use them. One young woman, despite limited formal education, quickly grasped the method and began leading confidently. Participants studied “spiritual gifts,” and though many were unfamiliar at first, they discovered biblical teaching through group discussion. Each received a Quechua Bible, and despite hardships, the community remains faithful in attending church.





Pablo attended Leader Mundial. He shared that it is always energizing to return from this conference and that it is a blessing to renew strategies in order to serve more effectively.





From March 9th to 11th, Galen from Inca Link staff came to visit and coordinate the arrival of a team of CrossFit coaches in April. We had a great time doing CrossFit, playing volleyball, and visiting the ministry.





We celebrated one of our youth, Andre, on his birthday. We always try to celebrate our youths' birthdays during our weekly activities.



Bertha led a study on family and literacy in Nueva Esperanza, Chincheros, Apurímac in mid-March, and also conducted a literacy workshop at the end of the month.



When we are not traveling, there is still plenty to get done at our center.

Dany repairs the electronic equipment we use and edits the radio programs we partner with. He also travels to maintain equipment and fix antennas for the radio stations.

It has been a blessing to have Donna here over the past couple of weeks helping prepare materials with the women. They were able to assemble literacy kits to send to Bertha for her workshops, as well as materials for the upcoming “Women of the Bible” studies.



### Prayer Requests:

- Train and Multiply workshop in San Rafael, Ayacucho
- Bertha Ccoicca Literacy workshops
- Health of our team members, especially Alfredo Fajardo and Bertha Ccoicca who spend more time remotely.
- Prayers for our Inca Link Crossfit team visiting us from the 6th-11th of April to work with our youth.
- SETE Bible seminary courses in Ayacucho and at Chosica Runa Simi center in April
- Radio workshop in Pichanaki (jungle trip) Samuel and Pablo Saccsara.
- For ongoing weekly youth sports and events at the Chosica Runa Simi center.

**Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf**

SPRING 2026 UPDATE



**Dimel Ballen: Trusting God to Lead**

**“My heart holds a vision:** one day, I will go beyond my country and reach the other nations, encouraging and uplifting the deaf community.” Dimel Ballen had no idea when God moved him to Jamaica Deaf Village that God would open up a dream of ministering worldwide.

Once a student at CCCD Kingston, Dimel was disciplined in a BOBS group there (Boys Only Bible Study). After graduation, Dimel worked at Deaf Can and attended E3 church. In time, **he felt God calling him to leave Kingston and move to Jamaica Deaf Village.** He wanted a fresh start, but this was a big change.

Dimel stepped out in obedience.

**Sometimes God uses a move of faith to create a firestorm...**



**It took a little time for Dimel to adjust** to the work at Jamaica Deaf Village. He came to enjoy it, and especially enjoyed the fellowship with the other workers.

One day, YWAM Deaf World Jamaica visited JDV to do an outreach. Dimel had been feeling stressed and overwhelmed---**their message lit a fire within his heart.** From there, Dimel's discipleship and service took off. He began to lead Bible studies, starting a BOBs group at Knockpatrick, and taking steps toward a lettuce farming partnership at JDV.

**"I believe I am here for a reason,"** says Dimel. "My life has meaning. My story will touch others...I carry a joyful love within me--a deep love for who I am. **I am proud of God's creation in me.**"



**"Even when I feel limited,"** says Dimel, **"I know God has placed leadership inside my spirit.** I am also a proud single father. My daughter is a gift from God, and I am excited to teach her about God and guide her in love, faith, and purpose."

**In December 2025, Dimel preached his first Sunday morning service.**

Now, Pastor Sheldon Burkett is in the United States for medical care. **Under Pastor Sheldon's direction, Dimel is caring for New Life Church of the Deaf** in Pastor Sheldon's absence: preaching, leading studies, and serving his community in the Lord.



Dimel is full of hope. **"I love God deeply, and I am still hungry to learn more of His Word every day."**

Once on a quest to find new light and purpose, Dimel is now a strong leader, both spiritually and professionally, at Jamaica Deaf Village. "I am truly thankful for Jamaica Deaf Village," he says, "It has changed me, challenged me, and helped me discover where God has placed me.

Dimel thinks you should come experience Jamaica Deaf Village, too. **"I want to encourage everyone to visit Jamaica Deaf Village. It will touch your heart and spirit,"** says Dimel.

***"God uses your presence to support CCD and make a difference."***



## New V.P. of Development for U.S. Office: Chris Briggs

JA Missionary **Chris Briggs** has relocated to Michigan where he serves

As the new **VP of Development** for CCCD, U.S. You may get a call or letter from Chris as he connects with supporters in the U.S.

### School News and Events!



**Your gifts and support help keep** the wheels turning here on campus. We are grateful for the way you write, pray, and give to help keep our schools thriving! Pictured above, staff and students are all decked out in their **Jamaican colors for Jamaica Day!**



Top left, Kingston students sit through a **job transition training class** which helps to ensure **students are ready for graduation** when that time comes. Here, Kingston students from grades 10-12 enjoy their classes. The students on top right have been chosen for the **student leadership team** at the Knockpatrick

campus. They stand tall as **captains of their class!** Thank you for praying for these students and for sponsoring them.

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### **Pray for Pastor Sheldon**

**Pastor Sheldon Burkett** is in the U.S awaiting a medical procedure. **Please keep Sheldon and Rachel in your prayers** as Sheldon has this procedure and recovers.

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### **Stay Tuned for Paris Guthrie!**



### **Paris Guthrie is setting up a rabbit farming business!**

CCCD loves to support new entrepreneurs. This is just a sneak peek of Paris Guthrie's new rabbit farming endeavors. **Paris, a recent CCCD graduate, was featured in Jamaican news** for her accomplishments and movements towards her own rabbit farming business. We are excited for her, and want you to be on

the look out for an interview with her in upcoming news! Would you **remember Paris in prayer** as she moves to JDV to set up her rabbit farm?



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## OUR VISION

The Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf exists to reach, teach, and nurture the Deaf of Jamaica.

*Romans 10:15*

**If you are interested in bringing a team or lending support to a campus project, please contact the U.S. office at (616) 748-6020.**

Peter Rumbe, Kenya



## Church Building



The new church is under-way to be built by Peter Rumbe and the local villagers of Sindo Bay. The hope is to have the roof completed by the time the women's group are ready to host their annual widow's conference.



## SAM KILLINS, COLOMBIA

One of my good friends once told me "thanks for going places and doing stuff that we can't" and I never really thought about it much until recently... Honestly, he's the one that does a lot of stuff that I can't do, and when it comes to being a missionary - I've always loved it. I think it's a privilege and a joy to be commended, prayed for, and supported as Alejandra and I go about making disciples, starting churches, baptizing new believers, and teaching our friends to obey everything that Jesus commanded... I know that many of you can't do that in Venezuela, but empowering and encouraging us to do so is so indispensable.



...So the big news is that I signed the contract for an apartment in San Cristobal, Venezuela a couple weeks ago; and we'll make the big move and live there before the end of this month, Lord willing.



The water and lights frequently go out in Venezuela; and it's annoying to have to pass through so many military checkpoints whenever we cross the border,



but working with our friends and sharing our lives and God's love with them is what makes it totally worth it.



I already found a meeting room for our potential church,



and the fact that it's at a soccer club makes it quite attractive for the upcoming World Cup.



...On the Monday after the triumphal entry, Jesus cursed a fig tree because it had no fruit... Not only was Jesus hungry right then, but he was also extremely frustrated with how the system of the temple was mostly just a façade...



This whole idea that I'm pitching for where Alejandra and I want to start a new church is cool and it's starting to look nice and gain a bit of traction... Our real desire though, is that our lives bear much fruit for God, and that we remain connected to Him every step of the way, because without Him we can do nothing.



We want to delight in the law of the Lord and meditate on it so as to not wither away (Psalm 1)... We want to prosper in everything we do, and may we yield the fruit of God's righteousness wherever we go... May the Lord of the Harvest watch over us as we look to Him.



-Sam and Alejandra Killins

**Missionary Profile:** <https://www.cmml.us/m/702>

P.S. After Jesus cursed the fig tree, the disciples were impressed that the tree really did wither! In Mark 11:22-24 Jesus responded to their astonishment by saying, "Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

...I know it's kind of silly, but I'm always a little encouraged when I go into a supermarket in Venezuela and I can find some mustard powder... Even with the little bit of genuine faith that we have in our Lord Jesus - I think that God can do a lot (even more than what we can ask or imagine!) through us and the core group of friends that we want to work with... Perhaps it will be a small beginning, but I believe that it can grow into something wonderful that will give even more glory to God.

Psalm 115:1



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# BLACK SCHOLARS AND PROFESSIONALS InterVarsity



MINISTRY UPDATE FROM GARY HOGANS

## BSAP MINISTRY UPDATE

Praises and prayer requests for Black Scholars and Professionals



This season has been filled with meaningful opportunities to engage students, faculty, and ministry leaders across the country. Across each setting, we've seen a growing desire for Christ-centered community—especially among Black graduate students, faculty and professionals seeking to integrate faith and vocation. The following highlights offer a glimpse of how God is at work through these gatherings.

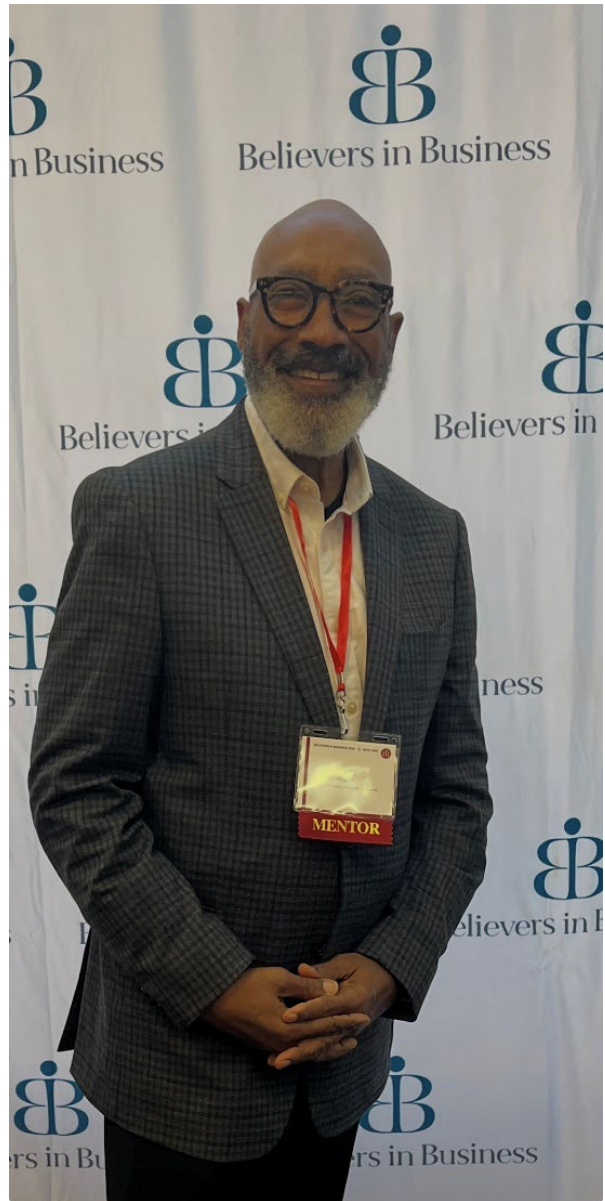
### **Black Law Student Association (BLSA) Conferences - Las Vegas, NV/Birmingham, AL**

We had the privilege of engaging Black law students through several meaningful regional conferences. We attended the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Western Region Conference in Las Vegas, NV, as well as the Southern Region meeting in Birmingham, AL. It was a joy to connect with students who are not only highly motivated and focused, but also deeply thoughtful about their future. What was especially encouraging was hearing how many of them define success—not simply by professional achievement, but by their desire to practice law with Christian values, integrity, and a strong moral foundation.



## Believers in Business (BIB) Conference - New York, NY

The Believers in Business (BIB) Conference in New York, NY, was a meaningful and energizing gathering. We had the opportunity to engage with Black MBA students from across the country, many of whom expressed excitement about discovering a safe, Christ-centered community where they can navigate both their faith and business journeys. The conference featured outstanding speakers, including Toni Towns-Whitley and Idara Oto, whose insights deeply resonated with my own Christian journey. We are grateful for the connections made and look forward to following up with students as we invite them into ongoing community.



## Graduate and Faculty Ministries Leadership Team (GFMLT) - Austin, TX

The Graduate & Faculty Ministries Leadership Team gathered in Austin, TX for a time of collaboration and encouragement. One highlight was sharing dinner with faculty members and a graduate student from the University of Texas, who spoke about the importance of Christian community within the university setting. During our time together, I had the opportunity to lead a devotional focused on change. We reflected on how our tendencies to either resist or pursue change must be prayerfully discerned to ensure we are walking in alignment with God's direction.



## **National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Conference - Baltimore, MD**

More than 10,000 students and professionals gathered in Baltimore for the NSBE Convention, one of the premier conferences for engineering and STEM fields. Our team of three connected with approximately 150 students who were either in graduate school or exploring that path. We shared our vision of helping students integrate their faith and vocation within a supportive and authentic community. The maturity, focus, and sense of purpose among these students were truly inspiring. We also had the opportunity to engage Black faculty interested in connecting with our BSAP Black Faculty community. This well-organized conference continues to be a strategic space for ministry, and we look forward to attending again in Boston in 2027.





## Black Campus Ministries (BCM) Staff Conference - Dallas, TX

The BCM Staff Conference in Dallas, TX, held at Camp Copass, was a deeply renewing experience. Approximately 85 InterVarsity Black staff gathered for a time of development, reflection, and encouragement. I had the privilege of serving as Co-Emcee for the conference, which centered on the theme, "*Journey to Hope: Remembering Our Resilience.*" BCM alumnus Matthew Best led our manuscript study and preaching, offering messages that were both powerful and inspiring. One of the most meaningful aspects of the conference was the connection across generations of BCM and BSAP staff. We left Dallas spiritually refreshed, emotionally renewed, and ready to continue serving faithfully as Black leaders in campus ministry.



## Supporting your Missionary Child

*Sister Kristy- mother to Sis. Lily Field\**

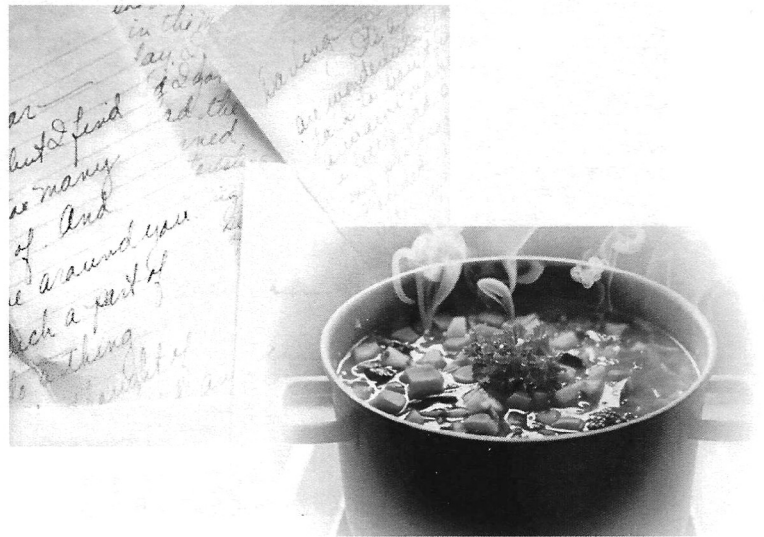
*The most important way to support a missionary child is for parents to truly believe in God's call to reach the world with the gospel. By maintaining a close relationship with God, they can encourage their child, listen to their struggles, and pray for them faithfully. Parents can also support them in practical ways, such as offering rest, encouragement, and hospitality as the Holy Spirit leads.*

**I** think the first and most important way to support a child on the mission field is to believe in the mission. Do you believe Matthew 28: 19-20, where Jesus tells His disciples to "go therefore and teach ALL nations?... Do you believe Acts 1:8 - where Jesus clearly says how to live the Christian life and where we are to live it? "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come

upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth? Do you believe that God so loved the world as it says in John 3:16? Matthew 16:25 says, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake will find it." I'll just end these verses with Phillipians 1:21 -"For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain." For the Christian parent who has a child who senses the Lord sending them on the mission field we have to believe that this is exactly what they should be doing. The Christian parent of a missionary needs to be in a growing and close relationship with the Lord, so that we can cheer them on as they go wherever the Lord calls them.

They need to be able to share the difficulties of being on the mission field without us trying to figure out a safer or easier or more traditional way to live the Christian life. When they share their joys, the victories, the miraculous works of God, we not only rejoice, but share with others, so that individual's faith grows and their willingness to follow Jesus wherever He says go increases. We need to strengthen our lifestyles in listening more than talking, so we know how to pray for our children and continuing to grow in our relationship with the Lord helps us to be people our missionary children will listen to for counsel when needed.

The second way to help our missionary children is to be so filled with the Holy Spirit that you listen to how He wants you to support them. It will not be the same for every person. When my daughter was in Haiti, I supported her with regular (weekly) letters, a couple of visits and a place of respite when she came home for short times depleted. When she came home depleted, I had a room where she could sleep as much as she needed, I cooked good nutritious food and listened.



As she strengthened, family and other believers came and visited and she went out and did things she couldn't do in Haiti. Once restored, she'd go back. Now that she has her own house, I support her by having our home available for her interns to feel comfortable and other missionaries who come in the area. I also share in the reading of books she's read.

The last thing that covers all is prayer. Pray always. 1 Thessalonians 5:16



**From: Dr & Mrs Joseph & Esther Tan,  
Article 4: Good Friday & Easter Sunday  
Greetings!  
April 10, 2026**

May we take this opportunity to wish you all Good Friday & Easter Sunday Greetings! He Is Risen!

I remembered the words of this beautiful hymnal each time we sing at the Ambassadors For Christ International Bible College in NSW, Australia in 1972. Joseph was there to do his Licentiate In Theology. Every time when he sings this hymn during Chapel Worship Hour, his tears kept rolling his eyes. The words are so meaningful, so touching, so promising for everyone by Jesus of Nazarene!

1. I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me,  
A sinner condemned, unclean.

How marvelous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful!  
Is my Savior's love for me!

2. For me it was in the garden,  
He prayed: "Not my will, but Thine."  
He had no tears for His own griefs,  
But sweat-drops of blood for mine.

3. In pity angels beheld Him,  
And came from the world of light  
To strengthen Him in the sorrows  
He bore for my soul that night.
  
4. He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden to Calvary,  
And suffered, and died alone.
  
5. When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me.

A few days we received an email from Pastor Trung Nam of AQUILA CENTER, Hanoi, Vietnam. "Recently, my wife and I had the opportunity to bring our daughter to Singapore for her theological studies. During our time there, we tried to visit you with a sincere desire to see you and personally express our gratitude. However, we were unable to get in touch and missed the to meet as we had hoped. Nevertheless, while we were there, we took time to pray for you, asking the Lord to continue to pour out His grace, strengthen you, and guide your lives and ministry abundantly. We always remember with deep appreciation your generosity and love – the very first 'bricks' you laid in building the AQUILA CENTER. What you have sown is not only material support, but spiritual legacy that continues to transform many lives. We sincerely hope to have an opportunity to meet you again soon, so that we may personally greet you, share with you and express our gratitude more fully. May the love and grace of the Lord always be with you. With sincere love and respect, Pastor Nam Quoc Trung and family.

Our reply: Good morning Pastor Nam Quoc Trung & family. Thank you for your very nice email & visiting our old office.

1. So sorry our office & company were closed down on 1 January 2025 after we retired on the same day. We retired from active Christian Ministry after 53 years in serving God full time service.
2. Doctors advised us to avoid crowds & visitors as our resistances are very low at 80 years old. We got Covid-19 three times each. Now, our government do not help in subsidising the medication. Joseph had to pay SGD\$1300.00 for treatment (medicine). Esther Tan was hospitalised for 7 days for Covid-19 in a government hospital, costing SGD\$7000.00.
3. Now mobilities are not in our favour.
4. So sorry we will have to miss meeting all of you. Take care.

Their reply: Dear Dr Joseph & Esther Tan, "Thank you so much for your kind and heart felt reply. Reading your message, our hearts are deeply moved – with both gratitude and love. We truly honour your 53 years of faithful full-time service to the Lord. What you have sown into the Kingdom of God is immeasurable, and your lives are a beautiful testimony of endurance, sacrifice, and love for Christ. To us, you are not only our benefactors, but also spiritual parents whose legacy continues to bear fruit. We are deeply sorry to hear about your health challenges and all that you have gone through. Please know that we carry you in our prayers. We ask the Lord to strength your bodies, renew your strength daily, and strength you with His peace and presence. May His

healing hand rest upon you, and may His grace be more than sufficient in every moment. Although we are unable to meet in person this time, we fully understand and respect your situation. What matters most is that you are safe and well cared for. We sincerely hope that, in God's perfect timing, we may have another opportunity to see you again.

We would also like to share that on April 18, we'll be co-hosting a wedding ceremony for two couples at AQUILA CENTER. Every time we hold a wedding, we are reminded of the very beginning – when the first two couples of AQUILA CENTER were married, and you were the one who preached at that meaningful ceremony. That memory remains in our hearts as a great encouragement and a reminder of the love foundation, and spiritual investment you have sown into this ministry.

By God's grace, AQUILA CENTER has also expanded to include a ministry for orphans. It is truly a wonderful work of God – currently, 45 children are being nurtured, raised, and cared for at AQUILA CENTER. We see this as a continuation of the seed you have sown, now growing into a broader expression of God's love. The AQUILA CENTER continues to grow and bear fruit by the grace of God, and will never forget that you laid the very first stones. Your love and generosity live on in every transformed life. Please take good care, dear Dr Joseph & Esther Tan. You are always in our hearts, and you are deeply loved and appreciated. With sincere love, honour, and gratitude, Pastor Nam Quoc Trung and family.



