

The background of the entire page is a warm, golden-yellow image. It features a large, semi-transparent globe in the center, showing the continents of North and South America. The globe is set against a bright sun that is partially obscured by the top edge of the frame. In the foreground, there are several stalks of wheat or grain, some in sharp focus and others blurred, creating a sense of depth. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

# Global Missions 2022



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# GLOBAL MISSIONS

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# DISCIPLESHIP AND THE NATIONS

At Austin Oaks Church, in everything we do, we are Simply About Jesus. We believe this starts from here, at home, in our congregation. Out of an overflow of our affection for God the Father, being completely captivated by Jesus Christ, and being empowered by the Holy Spirit, we pour our lives out for Jesus Christ. This is the starting point of the great commission seen in Matthew 28:18-20. We are to go and make disciples of Jesus Christ where we are and to all the nations. We define discipleship as building intentional relationships to help others meet Jesus, know Jesus, and follow Jesus. Everything we do is to accomplish this mission at home and to all nations.

The Bible is clear that the followers of Jesus are called to make disciples by caring about the nations. There are several ways that each of us can participate in making this a priority in our disciple making. We can learn about what God has already been doing through AOC and become informed about ways we can get involved personally. We can **give** practical and financial resources to our missionaries by giving to AOC and staying connected with our Missions Team. We can **go** on trips and personally support opportunities for long-term investments asking God to provide guidance and protection for each endeavor. Finally, all of us can **pray** that God will give us favor as we help those around the world meet, know, and follow Jesus.

## PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS

Pray about your role in mission work. Ask God to show you what specific actions He wants you to take ... whether to be involved with missions locally or on a foreign field. Pray for each of the missionaries profiled in this booklet. They depend on your prayers and intercession, both for themselves and those they're working to reach. Many missionaries work in dangerous regions, and both they and the people who receive the Gospel put their lives on the line for Christ daily. God moves through the prayers of His people. Sign up for AOC's Missions' email to learn about new prayer requests. Go the AOC website to learn more about upcoming short-term mission trip opportunities.

## GIVING TO THE NATIONS

At Austin Oaks Church, every dollar that is given and every ministry we offer goes to further our mission of helping others meet, know and follow Jesus. A part of that is helping those that are far from God, both locally and globally, come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Over the past 5 years, AOC has increased our giving for Local and Global Missions from under 3% to 9% (with the desired goal to be a minimum of 10%). When you give to Austin Oaks Church, you are giving to the mission of God that is helping others receive Jesus as Lord and grow in their knowledge of Him here in Austin and around the world through our supported missionaries and partner organizations. If you would like to participate in making disciples of all nations, you can give at [www.austinoakschurch.org/give](http://www.austinoakschurch.org/give)

## GOING TO THE NATIONS

Missions don't just change the lives of those being reached; they change the lives of those who go. Faith grows; understanding of and appreciation for other peoples and cultures expands; God is experienced and becomes known in ways never before imagined; lives are transformed. AOC's Missions' Staff can provide guidance and information if you're considering long-term missions work. Staff can also keep you informed about upcoming short-term mission trips and local mission activity. Contact Gloria Flores at [Gloria.Flores@austinoakschurch.org](mailto:Gloria.Flores@austinoakschurch.org).



# AOC SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES



## John and Amy Allert

**CENTER FOR MISSION  
MOBILIZATION -**  
LONDON, UNITED  
KINGDOM

*Building Mission  
movements to the  
unreached in Europe and  
to places in Africa that  
have never heard the Good  
News of Jesus.*



### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Launch Training and Welcome the Nations projects.
- Pray as our team explores more catalytic work around and outside Germany. We feel like this is a strategic next step. Pray also for wisdom as we consider a long-term office in Europe for training new leaders in the CMM.

## James and Julie Lauderdale

**EFCA REACHGLOBAL -** BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

*The Strategic Partnering Team explores, develops and catalyzes collaborative relationships with movement leaders in those places in Europe lacking residential missionary teams resulting in the multiplication of transformational churches. The Europe Division Leadership Team gives overall leadership to all the ReachGlobal missionary teams in Europe.*

*James is the Director of Member Care for all of the 560 missionaries around the world. He leads a team of 16 care givers whose purpose statement is "to glorify God by encouraging, equipping and exhorting our global mission community toward full health and effectiveness."*

*Julie serves on the ReachGlobal Europe Division Leadership Team. She oversees the work throughout Europe - Madrid, Spain, Brussels, Belgium, Budapest, Hungary; Duisburg, Germany - as well as in Montreal, Canada. She also oversees a specialized team of educators with ReachGlobal in Europe.*

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For James' transition in his new role as Director of Member Care.
- For Julie's wisdom, patience, and understanding to lead well and be strategic and thoughtful as she works with the team leaders.





## Kevin and Sharon Scheible

CADENCE INTERNATIONAL - NAVAL STATION ROTA, SPAIN

*Villa Youth Director of Military Personnel Outreach: Through Cadence International, Kevin and Sharon Scheible are dedicated to reaching the teenage dependents of the United States military communities and of the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. They desire to see students and their families put their trust in Jesus, grow in their knowledge, commitment and love for Him and exalt His name in the nations. They enjoy the opportunity to serve entire families through ministry partnership with the Villa. Kevin and Sharon began serving in Spain in 2016 after serving at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, for four years. Prior to Cadence, Kevin served as the middle school pastor, and Sharon served on the worship staff at AOC.*

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray the girls in Sharon's group will use the tools they've learned in their study throughout their lives.
- Pray that the guys in the high school leadership study will see how they need to follow Jesus.
- Pray God provides new volunteers and leaders.



## Susan Strohschein

GREATER EUROPE MISSION  
AND CO-FOUNDER OF  
JUBILATE FOUNDATION  
- ROMANIA

*Training worship leaders- Susan assists those who serve in the area of worship and church music in Romania. They provide training, as well as printed resources, for biblical worship and music education.*

*They desire to offer printed music of high quality that is also*

*culturally relevant – written by Romanians*

*or translated with great care and with attention to theological accuracy and artistic merit. The body of Christ is composed of all ages, and Jubilate Foundation wants to help people serve in the areas of children and youth work as well as in congregational worship. Jubilate staff believe they can learn from each other as they strive to give the Lord their very best in the "sacrifice of praise" they offer Him.*

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For their annual summer music camps
  - Choir/Orchestra Camp for teenagers ages 14-16
  - Worship Leaders from all over Romania







**Chris and Flor Young**  
**NAVIGATORS**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
**PERSONAL**  
**DISCIPLESHIP**  
**MINISTRY - CITY BELL,**  
**LA PLATA, ARGENTINA**

*“Life-on-life discipleship”  
-- spending extended  
time with fewer people  
to go deeper into what it*

*means to be a disciple of Jesus. The Youngs’ ministry in Argentina is primarily focused on making disciples of Jesus, life on life, with an emphasis on helping others to live out their faith in the context God has placed them among the lost with the vision of passing along what they have received to the next generation of seekers and believers. Along with their country leader, they are trusting God to expand the ministry outside the province of Buenos Aires by taking initiatives in a new city over 500 miles away.*

*Chris and Flor also serve as part of the Navigators leadership team in Latin America, giving them the opportunity to utilize their gifts with some of the key leaders in countries like Chile, Uruguay, Brazil, Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Mexico.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- *For the men and women we have invested in to courageously take the gospel into their families, workplace, and neighborhoods with the vision of making disciples who would go on to do the same.*

**AOC SUPPORTED  
MISSIONARIES IN CREATIVE  
ACCESS COUNTRIES**





*For the safety and continued work of these faithful men and women sharing the gospel, we can share only limited information on the following missionaries.*



## MISSIONS IN ACTION

One former Muslim shared, "I had a dream in which a man in white robes spoke to me. He asked me to believe in Him. The next day, the dream came back again. In the dream, I asked Him who He was. And He said, 'I am Jesus.' Unlike other dreams, this was very vivid, and would not go away. It was so real and powerful. I was in the university. I had Christian friends, so I asked them about the dream. And after they shared about Christ, I believed in Him. After seven years, my father came to know about it. At that point, he was so angry he wanted to kill me. He took his gun and fired at me. But the gun did not go off, and I ran away. I have not gone back to my parental home since then. I keep in touch with my siblings only."



## E and K -

*E and K are church planters in North Africa. K works with a ministry that serves women who were victims of human trafficking. E is the director of a ministry called PALM (Preparing Arab-world Leaders for Ministry). PALM is a discipleship and leadership training ministry for believers from a Muslim background (BMBs) serving believers throughout North Africa, the Middle East, and the Arab diaspora. PALM works in close partnership with local national churches (where they exist) training godly leaders towards church multiplication.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- That they will be the hands, feet, tone, and words of Christ to their neighbors and be the light of Jesus as they live in utter darkness.*
- For the team he leads-that even amidst the constant challenges, they are able to train and mentor national leaders in the Arab world and beyond.*
- For the ability to teach, disciple, and equip believers from a Muslim background towards church multiplication.*



## MISSIONS IN ACTION

For the last 10 months, E has met with a group via Zoom. Other times he meets 1:1 with group members. Weekly they study God's Word and go through the PALM discipleship material. There is obvious growth in Christ,

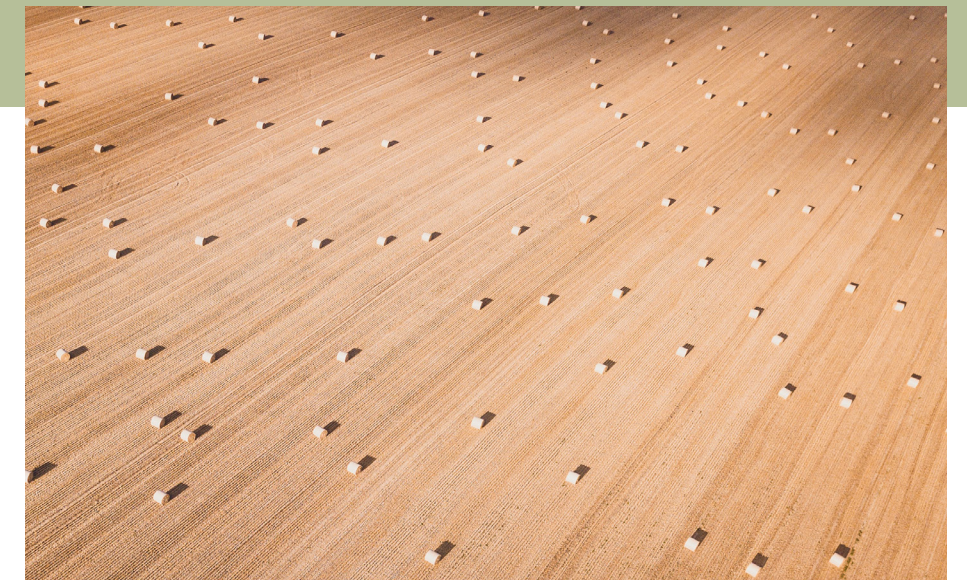
increased knowledge of God's love, a clear desire to know Him more and mature in their faith. Through discipleship and mentoring discussions, the group has now formed a house church, with their own identity, leadership, name, and even a logo! They are now in the process of multiplying, planting 2 new churches in 2 new cities!

## K and N -

*They are pioneer church planters in the Middle East with a strong emphasis on bi-vocational ministry. KC has a job as a university and professional sports coach and gets to mentor and pre-disciple 150 young men in his program.*

*NC spends several days a week directing a refugee program for African and Middle Eastern Migrants. This is a wholistic program that meets the physical and spiritual needs of young women during the most trying times of their lives. They have been able to serve nearly 400 women on a regular basis throughout the year, getting to know these women at a deeper level, helping them to thrive in a transitional city for many of them.*

*They have regularly served in leadership at local indigenous churches and international churches and helped church planting efforts through these ministries. KC has served as an Elder throughout different seasons and has been an active participant in the church planting teams.*





## E and E -

*Facilitate Scripture engagement in multiple countries and in many languages. They are now working harder than ever with more ministry fruit witnessed than ever before. They facilitate training, resource development and support services worldwide in four areas — all based on a model of conversational, personal and biblical storytelling or “storyweaving” that multiplies well across cultures and is always locally sustainable.*

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- *For South Asian Weavers team leaders who are in very difficult “climates” for Christ-followers.*
- *For God’s protection as each one “weaves” in their community due to significant opposition from those of the dominant faith.*
- *For confirmation of God’s leading, planning, mentoring and that those training to go will be blessed with faithful prayer and financial partners.*

## J and J -

*J and J serve indigenous and expat church planters and church leaders in Asia by helping them understand and experience how the grace of Christ is at work, not just through their ministries but also in their own lives.*

*After being so abruptly expelled by national security in 2020, they returned to the States. After 2 years, they are now preparing to leave to their new country of ministry. They will continue their involvement with equipping ministers in other countries, as well as seeking to serve others locally.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Wisdom, patience, continued strengthening of their faith as they wait to leave for their new location.*
- *That their children will adjust well emotionally to the move.*
- *That they will find a support system in their new location that will help make for a smooth transition.*

## T and A -

*T & A help the local house church and leadership to health and maturity in Christ by emphasizing and modeling certain aspects of the Christian life. Due to growing scrutiny and hostility towards Christians and foreigners, they focus on one-on-one or couple to couple discipling, mentoring, counseling, and investment in the lives of existing or potential leaders.*

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- *For guidance and clarity as they continue to face an uncertain future and wait on God’s direction.*
- *Ask Father to bring hope and healing through their counseling and mentoring ministry.*
- *That they might help others find freedom and security by abiding in the Father’s love.*







# AOC PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS





# AFRICA NEW LIFE

RWANDA

Since its beginning in 2001, Africa New Life has partnered with local churches to impact children of Rwanda and energize congregations. As a result:

--11,000 students are now sponsored!

--Churches have been built.

--Medical care is being administered.

--Pastors are being educated.

--Bellies are being filled.

--Widows are receiving vocational training.

--Hope is being restored

and lives are being transformed.

Founded by Rwandans and staffed primarily by Rwandans, Africa New Life focuses purely on ministry without cultural barriers in two main areas: proclaiming the gospel and acts of compassion, thereby providing for the bodies and souls of its brothers and sisters in Rwanda.

The ministry's New Life Christian Academy was named the top secondary school in Rwanda in 2011, beating out 1,060 other schools. This resulted in the Rwandan government asking Africa New Life to run two different public schools. Its Africa College of Theology opened in January 2013 and offers college-level training to current and future pastors and other ministry leaders from Rwanda and surrounding nations.



**PASTOR CHARLES MUGISHA**  
**AFRICA NEW LIFE FOUNDER**

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the churches in Rwanda. New regulations set by the Rwandan parliament in July 2018 require all pastors to acquire and hold a bachelor's or higher level of training in theology or a similar field — something the majority of pastors in the nation cannot afford to do. Without this education, they will not be allowed to lead congregations or plant churches. The need for affordable, accessible theological training in Rwanda is, therefore, higher than ever. Through God's provision, Africa College of Theology (ACT) is one of the only evangelical institutions in the nation offering an accredited bachelor's degrees in theology and Bible. For more information: <https://www.africanewlife.org/ministries/act/>
- Pray for all the summer team trips to Rwanda. We facilitate many team trips to Rwanda year-round, but summer is a very busy season. Pray for the health of staff and travelers, that God would be found -- even by those who are not looking -- and that people would see God's faithfulness and provision, as well as the opportunity to join Him in His work in Africa, and ask Him for the courage to move forward.

## AOC TEAM TRIP TO RWANDA

### June 20-30, 2022

Support the mission of Africa New Life and further your personal walk with the Lord. Participation on this team will give sponsors an opportunity to visit their sponsored student, explore the country, and learn more about a new culture.

Email [julie@austinoakschurch.org](mailto:julie@austinoakschurch.org) for additional information.



# Rio Bravo

REYNOSA, MEXICO

*Created from a junkyard across the border into Mexico and approximately five miles from McAllen, Texas, Rio Bravo Ministries (RBM) is led by Pastor Ray Hansen and his wife Leah. This walled compound on six acres contains the Casa Hogar Children's Home that is home to 60 children and an elementary school. The second compound, located in a poor area, has a Junior & High School, and the combined population of children on both campuses has approximately 750 children. They are the largest schools in Reynosa. On mission trips, AOC adults and students work on projects ranging from painting, landscaping, paving and staining to participating with local people through sports, food service, language classes, chapel and other activities. Recurring mission trips establish ongoing relationships with the opportunity for deepening involvement, cross*



**PASTOR RAY HANSEN AND WIFE LEAH**  
**RIO BRAVO FOUNDERS**

*cultural experience, a gratifying and visible impact as well as easy access and accessible cost.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for a new boy 13 yrs old named Nicolas for his salvation. He comes from a very difficult background.
- Pray for our four sets of houseparents to continue to be strong as they lead their homes in Christian love.



## AOC TEAM TRIP TO REYNOSA

July 21-24, 2022

We will spend four days this summer enjoying our friends in Reynosa, Mexico! Our team will serve at the orphanage and school at Rio Bravo Ministries, helping with construction projects, leading fun activities and discipleship times with the children of Rio Bravo.

For information, email [missions@austinoakschurch.org](mailto:missions@austinoakschurch.org)





# Levanta Ministries

LOS CIRUELOS, MONTELLANO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

*Levanta Ministries exists to Encourage, Equip and Empower families in the Dominican Republic to rise above their current situation, through the love of Christ. Through Christ-centered programs, Levanta Ministries shares the Gospel and the love of God to assist families in three areas: Community, Education, and Spiritual programs. At Levanta, gospel love is invested relationally to both meet immediate needs and create hope and pathways for families to experience lasting transformation.*



DOUG & MARGARET (MEG) BECK  
LEVANTA MINISTRIES FOUNDERS



## MISSIONS IN ACTION

After a mission trip to the Dominican Republic in 2011, Doug and Margaret moved from Austin in 2012 and have lived as missionaries in the Dominican Republic ever since. After seeing needs in their local Dominican community that weren't being met, they founded Levanta Ministries in 2019 to serve the Lord and the families in their area. They serve as overseers of a staff of Dominicans who are leading the day-to-day ministry efforts of Levanta Ministries.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- *Pray for our Dominican staff- their individual walks with the Lord and their ability to effectively serve the families in our area.*
- *Land/Building: we are looking for land to purchase in order to build a future ministry house/community center in our area.*
- *Pray that God would protect our marriage and provide wisdom as we lead and serve the ministry.*
- *Continued improvement in our Spanish-speaking capabilities so that we can minister more effectively.*



## AOC TEAM TRIP TO DR August, 2022 (One week)

More details to come. For information, email [missions@austinoakschurch.org](mailto:missions@austinoakschurch.org)



# Harvest Children's Home

CAMEROON, AFRICA

*Cry Cameroon USA is a ministry committed to rescuing orphaned children and supporting ongoing Christian ministries in Cameroon. Harvest Children's Home is an orphanage near Fundong, Cameroon founded and supported by Cry Cameroon USA.*

*Harvest Children's Home (HCH) was founded in 1992 as a feeding station which grew into a Christ centered orphanage housing up to 75 children at a time who have lost one or both parents with no other means of support. HCH staff and partners show the love of Jesus by providing education, health, shelter, and nutritional care to the children as well as spiritual and Biblical guidance. Cry Cameroon also partners with churches, social services, and community leaders across Cameroon to serve local communities offering Biblical training, healthcare, clean water, evangelism, job opportunities, and connections with social services. Soon, partners will be able to participate in establishing HCH 2.0 near Yaoundé, Cameroon.*



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- *For favor with communities and government in support of their projects.*
- *For peace in the region and an end to the civil war in the Northwest province (near HCH)*
- *For clear direction and funding of HCH 2.0 near Yaoundé, Cameroon*



## AOC TEAM TRIP TO CAMEROON July, 2022 (2 weeks)

A team of volunteers will spend two-weeks ministering to the people of Cameroon to help prepare the way for the new orphanage near the capital city of Yaoundé. They will work directly with orphans, community leaders, pastors, and youth/young adults to reach new hearts for Jesus and to train believers to meet, know, and follow Jesus more closely within their own communities.

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