

## Area IV Missionaries



**Annie and Rev. Jeff Dieselberg** are based in Bangkok, Thailand, a bustling metropolis of more than 10 million people. They both serve at the NightLight Foundation and NightLight Design Co. Ltd.

NightLight is an international organization committed to addressing the complex issues surrounding trafficking and prostitution by catalyzing individual and community transformation. Annie is the founder and CEO of NightLight. Annie also facilitates outreach in the red-light area and leads in the prayer and deliverance ministry at NightLight. Jeff serves as chaplain to the NightLight. He also serves as senior pastor of NightLight's church plant, Song Sawang Church (translated "Shine the Light").



**Dr. Steve and Nancy James** were invited by the Haitian Baptist Convention to return to Haiti to help with medical assistance to Christian faith based community health centers. Working as medical consultants (Steve is a doctor and Nancy is a nurse.) they

will serve as members of local Christian health teams providing physical, mental, and spiritual health in Jesus' name to those suffering in darkness. They feel blessed to be a part of God's healing work in the world. Nancy and Steve are supported as commissioned missionaries working jointly with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and American Baptist International Ministries and their Mission Partnership Team and Network.



**Larry and Becky Stanton** are currently serving with IM partners Hungarian Baptist Aid and the Baptist Union of Hungary. They work with schools in the eastern region of the country: primary and elementary community schools in Tégglás and a technical

high school in Debrecen. The Stantons provide the students and staff with instruction and conversation practice in English and maintenance support. In addition to classroom responsibilities, Larry and Becky participate in school activities and are involved in Christian outreach.

## Area V Missionaries



**The Rev. Dr. Jon and Amanda Good** are endorsed to prepare for ministries of evangelism, discipleship, education and theological education in partnership with the Baptist Union of Hungary. Amanda will assist with music education at the school managed by the Baptist Church in Debrecen, as well as those managed by Hungarian Baptist Aid (HBAid). She will

also assist with discipleship ministries of the Baptist Church in Debrecen. Jon will assist the Baptist Church in Debrecen with its evangelistic outreach, church planting and church development ministries, and will assist in the training of Christian leaders through the Union's seminary. Amanda and Jon will also work with the church planting efforts of HBAid.



**Kihomi Ngwemi and Nzunga Mabudiga** serve in Haiti. Nzunga teaches theology at the Christian University of Northern Haiti, trains assistant professors, and manages two projects: the goat and pig project for children and the clean water project for communities. Kihomi works with families in the areas of counseling, women's health, Community Health

Evangelism and economic development. She also coordinates and advises the women's association of the Haitian Baptist Convention, representing women of all the Baptist denominations of Haiti at international conferences.



**Paul and Sarah McCurdy** The Rev. Peter and Sarah McCurdy serve in Costa Rica at the invitation of the Federation of Baptists of Costa Rica, a partner of IM. Peter's minis-

try focus is spiritual renewal and spiritual formation. He serves local pastors and seminary students, seeking to provide a safe and nurturing environment for them, their families and others pursuing a call to ministry. He will also extend his ministry into Cuba. Sarah, a former French teacher, is developing her role as an educator. Peter and Sarah's hope is that, through their ministries, hearts and minds will be changed and people will grow into the image of Christ.



**American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Great Rivers Region**

**2020 Special Interest Missionaries for Areas I, II, III, IV, & V**



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## Area I Missionaries



**Scott and Aphiwan (Tan) Coats** are assigned to Thailand. They are jointly appointed missionaries of International Ministries and HOPE International Development Agency. From their home in Chiang Rai, Thailand, they support Thai nationals in their own ministries as they seek to impact the lives of the ethnic minority peoples who inhabit the hills of northern Thailand, the Eastern Shan State of Myanmar

and neighboring countries. These partner organizations empower communities to organize for social and economic change.



**Ms. Kristy Engel** is a global consultant with a focus on health care issues. She is trained as a pediatric nurse practitioner and holds a Masters Certificate in international nutrition. As a

global consultant, Kristy is able to visit countries in need of health assessments, ongoing education, health team visits or other forms of collaboration during crisis and non-crisis situations. Her goals are to empower local leaders, to help communities recognize their strengths and understand how to make better use of their resources and to build relationships that increase the health of populations around the world through innovation, networking and encouragement.



**Ruth Vindas** serves in Costa Rica. Ruth is on the faculty of the Latin American Biblical University. This seminary was founded in 1923 and its primary focus is preparing pastors and leaders to serve in churches throughout Latin America. Ruth teaches Christian education courses, directs the

publications department and serves as campus pastor for the students.

## Area II Missionaries



**Sue Hegarty** serves in Costa Rica in partnership with the Baptist Federation and the Pastoral Care for Women ministry. She teaches seminary courses for training pastors with the Costa Rican Baptist Federation in San José, as well as serving as liaison with American Baptist mission teams.

Sue also teaches in the leadership development program for the inter-denominational ministry of Pastoral Care for Women.



**Brian and Lynette Smith** are preparing to serve in Haiti in partnership with the Haitian Baptist Convention. Brian will work with local and visiting mission teams in construction and ongoing maintenance projects at the Eye Center, the Christian University of Northern Haiti and the Convention

Hospital. Lynette will be teaching of God's love to women, instructing in basic hygiene and self-care skills and leading creative art workshops to empower women and children in their gifts of creativity.



**Dilia Marleni Zelaya** is responsible for developing and supervising the Ministries of Faith and New Life in Azacualpa, Honduras. This ministry is home to nine children, providing for all their basic needs—food, education, health, and spiritual growth. In addition to this ministry, Dilia has also founded the Escuela Cristiana Vida Nueva (Christian School of New Life), a bilingual school that includes a computer room; a

feeding program that provides a meal five days a week to approximately 50 children in need; and a soccer program dedicated to teenagers from the community.

## Area III Missionaries



**Revs Taku and Katie Longkumer** serve as country coordinators for Northeast India, providing mission coordination of International Ministries personnel and partners in the country.

They also serve as advisors and consultants to the Bengal Orissa Bihar Baptist Churches' Association and to the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India (CBCNEI). Taku works with CBCNEI and its six member conventions to strengthen mission training, supervision, caring and support, while Katie's focus is promoting worship and providing counseling training.



**Jae Stockton** will serve through the Baja Baptist Seminary in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico. Jae is an information technologist who will provide technical assistance to seminary students and church leaders at the Mexicali campus and at other seminaries in the

region. Jae will also provide assistance for the online Masters in Theological Studies in Latino/a Ministries. This is a joint effort with Palmer Seminary of Eastern University. International Ministries and ABHMS personnel train church leaders throughout the Americas at the Palmer Seminary of Eastern University.



**Dr. Timothy and Kathy Rice** serve as medical missionaries at the Vanga Evangelical Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). They are from Saint Louis, Missouri, where Tim is a doctor on the faculty of the School

of Medicine at Saint Louis University. Kathy is a registered nurse. They got involved in the DRC through the ministry of their church, New City Fellowship and also through their acquaintance with the late Dr. Dan Fountain and many other International Ministries missionaries in the DRC. Both Kathy and Tim had previously served short-term at Vanga Evangelical Hospital. They are now learning French so they can serve long-term contributing to the training of nursing and medical students for Christ-centered, whole person care.