Area IV Global Servants



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 Night-Light. Annie also facilitates outreach in the red-light area and leads in the prayer and deliverance ministry at Night-Light. 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").



Moise Joseph and Rev. Deliris Carrión-Joseph are starting a

Joseph are starting a new ministry among Haitian, Central American, and African migrants that have made

their new home in Tijuana, Mexico. Moise is a business entrepreneur, and Deliris is a pastor and occupational therapist. They have been invited by "Vision de Migrante," an organization formed by Haitians and Baptist Churches of the Regional Baja Convention interested in helping migrants. Moise and Deliris strongly believe that God uses us all wherever we live, and new opportunities are open for those who trust in the Lord. They will be using their skills and three different languages to help migrants and migrant communities to achieve their new beginnings.



Larry and Becky Stanton serve as IM global

ton serve as IM global servants partnering with Hungarian Baptist Aid and the Baptist Union of Hungary. Becky works with schools in the eastern region of the country, including primary and elementary commu-

nity schools in Téglás and a college-prep high school in Debrecen. Larry assists Serbian Baptist churches in Stara Moravica and Paçer with their service to the community and to refugees along the Balkan route. Larry and Becky's three daughters attend local schools, learning Hungarian and teaching English as only children can.

Area V Global Servants



The Rev. Dr. Jon and Amanda Good have a passion for sharing the hope of Jesus in Europe. Faith in Christ is sometimes hard to find in this continent that was once considered Christian. Yet, Jon and Amanda believe that God is at work in surprising ways. They serve through ministries of evangelism, discipleship, theological education, and church planting. Aman-

da specializes in community building and Jon focuses on discipleship and evangelism. They bring more than twenty years of ministry experience as they reach out to immigrant communities, student populations, and churches that face changing demographics. Jon also provides theological training for emerging church leaders and local pastors.



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, wom-

en'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.



Sara McCurdy serves as Regional Coordinator for Education in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean. Sarah, a former French teacher, will walk alongside IM partners and Global Servants in the Region interested in (or developing) formal Primary and Secondary schools and extracurricular formative classes for children and youth's holistic ministries. Additionally, Sarah will join Barbara Bolick

(founder) and Sarah Matos (contributor) to Talita Cumi Girls' Club (TCGC,) a program that offers discipleship, character building, and empowerment for underserved girls ages 8-12 years old, being piloted throughout Latin America.

Sara's husband. Peter McCurdy, is a pastor in Indiana.



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Area I Global Servants



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

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 Global Servants



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 serving in La Romana, Dominican Republic. Brian is working with local teams and visiting mission teams in construction and ongoing maintenance projects with Mission Maranatha Inc in the Haitian bateyes (sugar workers' villages). Lynette is also working

in the bateyes with Mission Maranatha Inc, teaching of God's love, teaching 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 Global Servants



Revs Taku and Katie 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 consult-

ants 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 is serving in Tijuana. Mexico as an information technologist at Deborah's House teaching computer classes to women and giving online supervision for school education to their children. Jae also provides IT assistance to seminary students at the Mexicali campus and at the

Master for Theological Studies Latino/a Ministries (MTS) program for Palmer Theological Seminary.



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