

Abilene Bible Church

Missionary Overview 2017-2018

Sojourner Ministries John & Terry Kanter We are excited to announce our new ministry home! After much prayer, counsel and discussion, Terry and I have decided to work with Steven Ger who is the founder and director of Sojourner Ministries. Sojourner is a Messianic Jewish ministry that is dedicated to "Exploring the Jewish Heart of Christianity" **Sojourner Ministries'** purpose: the instruction of believers in the original Jewish context and perspective of the Scriptures to result in richer connection to our Hebrew roots, deeper concern for the Jewish people and renewed appreciation for the plan of God. Serving with Sojourner will afford afresh platform through which I can help restore the Bible's Jewish context to churches throughout Texas (as well as other parts of the U.S. and overseas as the Lord leads), renew the church's connection to Israel and revitalize concern for reaching the Jewish people with Jesus, the "Jewish Heart of Christianity"

SERVE *Gaynelle Newport* We have been commissioned to go, disciple, and teach men and women to love, serve and obey the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-19). Granted this looks different when we are His witnesses in "Jerusalem" than it does in "the uttermost parts of International, the missions sending agency of Denton Bible Church, does discipleship both locally, in small groups meeting in homes throughout Denton County, and around the world. Our overseas missionaries focus on discipleship in a cross-cultural setting whether visiting with a language partner in a corner café, or driving 5 hours on dirt roads to share a meal with a small villages no matter the role a missionary fills in their adopted country, or the responsibilities they carry, at its core, the work of missions is about discipleship.

Camino Global *Bill & Linda Parker, Uruguay and Fran & Judy Schmidt-Guatemala* One of our team members, Chalo, lives in the city of Puebla, the 4th largest city in Mexico. He owns two antique cars, one of which is a 1922 Model T Ford. Chalo is a church planter for Camino and uses his Henry Ford Model T to give a free ride. Oh, and he can also tell them how God has made a difference in his life and a tract includes a simple explanation of the gospel. As the car cruises down the street peoples' faces light up. People point and conversations start. Once a week Chalo goes down to the main square of Puebla, parks his Model T, and hang out. Conversations begin, and in the end – many, many, people have come to know the Lord. What do you do? What are your interests? God is everywhere – He might even be sitting next to you in an antique car?

Voice4net Bob & Juanita Wright's mission is to share Christ through a telephone recording of the gospel. There are five other churches besides us (mostly in Dallas) using the 24/7 recording as a way of sharing the gospel with others. They provide printed cards with the phone number at the visitor's center at their church. There are newspaper ads supporting the phone Number (972-829-8118) in both the Dallas Morning News and the Abilene Reporter News. Please continue to pray for each and every caller that they would listen all the way through, hearing the gospel presentation and would receive Christ as their personal Savior. If you wish to encourage Bob and Juanita you may email them at **Bwright12@suddenlink.net**

Africa Inland Mission Int'l *Robert & Dorothy Matthews* As I was doing emailing at a local coffee shop here last night, I was watching some 700-800 men bowing down toward Mecca, following the leadership of the imam of the mosque, repeating their prayers, for a period of maybe two hours, as this is the nightly ritual for many during the month of Ramadan. Many are hoping to add "points" especially during this time, in hopes of making it into heaven. In other words, they will never know how the story will end till they get there, as it depends on how Allah views their good and bad works and adds them all up.

It is well-recorded that our Brother (Jesus) paid the entire price for the punishment of sin for the entire human race, and the only remaining thing to do for many is to receive that gift of life, eternal life. When our Brother (Jesus) completed his work on the cross, he said, "It is finished." End of story. The penalty was paid. The wrath of Father toward sin was satisfied. Good works are not able to save us. People here are trying desperately to save themselves by their good works. That story never ends, as it is impossible and will end in death. Please ask for many here to receive the free gift of eternal life and bring their stories to a happy ending, as well as for many others to tell them this terrific story. Dorothy and I enjoyed a fruitful medical trip into the rural areas here a few weeks ago with the Red Crescent/Red Cross. We were well-received and hope to continue this effort in the future.

Mexican Christian Ministries *Josias and Susi Mendoza* continue to mentor the elders and other leadership in both Cantico Nuevo Church in Chihuahua and Lugar de Garcia Church in Madera. They travel back and forth every few weeks training the leaders and often preaching. In addition to Josias's responsibilities with our camp in Madera, Campamento Huapoca (www.huapoca.com) has continued to significantly grow. In addition, Josias conducted a well-attended leadership training camp during the spring with hopes of expanding the number of these leadership camps in 2016. God is good.

Bee World Middle East Ministry *Paul & Linda Tanner* Fighting the real war for Syria, while the civil war continues to rage in Syria, the real battle is a spiritual one, and that is why we are doing what we can to strengthen the Christians of Syria. Since November of 2014, we have been going in on a regular basis to Lebanon to conduct Bee training. Most of the students in our Beirut group were actually refugees from countries like Iraq and Syria, and we have slowly experienced a smaller group as some get accepted to move to other western countries. One key member of the group who has been translating for us will now take over the responsibility for this group, while I form a new group in Beirut and concentrate on BEE training, administrative responsibilities, travel as the Middle East Director of Bee, and part of the Curriculum Team responsible for reviewing and improving our BEE courses.

Rock of Ages Ministries *Glenn & Janet Sebast* USA Prison Revival Team Prison Revivals, Cell to Cell Visitations, and Discipleship Training "I was in prison and ye came unto me." Matthew 25:36b

Greater Europe Mission *Jesse & Joyce Northcutt* - Ireland *Daniel & Anne King*- Germany Mission- To Disciple all peoples of Europe through rapidly reproducing churches. Our Vision- God expanding His Kingdom through all the peoples of Europe to the World

Chosen People Ministry *Eugene & Victoria Lempert* – Israel Eugene was born in the FSU. At the age of 22 he immigrated to Israel. A few years later while in Jerusalem he had a spiritual experience after which he decided to read the New Testament (by that time he had already read *Tanach*, the Hebrew Bible).. It took a few more years of searching through the *Tanach*, trying to live the godly life, and every time falling short from the standard Eugene thought every believer should live, until he asked Yeshua to come into his life and to help him to live it the way that would honor God. Soon Eugene was baptized and married Victoria. Following many prayers the Lemperts realized that God calls them to a full-time ministry. Eugene received a BA in Jewish Studies and completed academic for MA in Biblical Archaeology. The Lemperts reside in Jerusalem where Eugene serves the Lord for Chosen People Ministries.

Fellowship Bible Church Cedric & Pauline Chippendale - *South Africa* Cedric and Pauline Chippendale lives and ministers in George, South Africa. George is a small city located about five hours outside of Cape Town. Since graduating Dallas Theological Seminary Dallas Theological Seminary in 1998, Cedric and Pauline continues to be used of the Lord to facilitate the maturing of the church in countries such as South Africa, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Cedric and Pauline have been married for more than 30 years and are blessed with three children Donald, Daniel and Nina.

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