

## Eden Church VBS 2020: The Armor of God

### Shoes of the Gospel of Peace Mission Project: Missionary Messages

#### Introduction:

Our mission project this week is to spread Christ's love and care by writing notes of encouragement to missionaries who are working - in our community and around the world - to help other people learn about Jesus. Many days, the work of a missionary is hard. And, during this pandemic, things are sure to have become even more difficult on every mission field. Letters from us filled with encouraging words, cheerful pictures, and maybe even some favorite Bible Verses could be of great encouragement to those missionaries.

#### Materials:

1. Paper - White Copy Paper or Colored Construction Paper
2. Writing Utensils
3. Stickers - optional
4. Envelopes

#### Directions:

1. Fold paper in half, and draw pictures, color, and put on stickers to make the card.
2. Write an encouraging message inside. Here are some ideas about what to say:
  - a. "Thank you for spreading the Gospel of Jesus."
  - b. "You are loved."
  - c. "Keep on spreading the Gospel of Peace."
  - d. "You are in my prayers."

\* Do **NOT** include your full name, the date, or other identifying information. \*

3. Put your card in an envelope and address it to a specific person you choose, or to "A Missionary." (If you make more than one card, put each in an

unsealed envelope, to go to individual missionaries, but then put all of the cards in a larger mailing envelope to send to the mission organization all at once. It might be a good idea, parents, to include a brief note explaining the letters in the package and how they can be distributed.)

4. Wrap up your mission project time this week with a time of prayer for the missionaries who will be receiving your cards! Here's a little organizer sheet to fill out about the missionary to whom you chose to write:  
[Missionary](#)

### **Suggested Mission Organizations**

#### **UB Global**

302 Lake St.

Huntington, IN 46750

[Field Staff Directory Link](#)

(See graphics below for specific missionaries by region)

#### **City Rescue Mission of Lansing**

2216 South Cedar St.

Lansing, MI 48910

[Staff Directory Link](#)

#### **Child Evangelism Fellowship**


P.O. Box 348

Warrenton, MO 63383

# UB Global Field Staff


## The United Brethren World

Where we have a presence with missionaries and churches




**UB GLOBAL OFFICE STAFF**

Jeff Bergstrom, Executive Director; Janna Gray, Administrative Asst.; David Riley, Associate Director; Michelle Harris, Associate Director; Frank V, Associate Director.




**HONDURAS**

Roger and Marilyn Webb, Communications; Lete Cordero, Honduras; Edgardo and Cheryl Andino, Communications; David and Tereza, Communications; Christy and Jennifer, Honduras; David and Tereza, Honduras; Christy and Jennifer, Honduras.




**U.S.**

Lee and Mary-Lou, Chee Mission Society; Fraser and Cheryl, Operation Mobilization; Rick Taylor, Operation Mobilization; Sean and Kathy Coffey, Church in the Heartland; Doug and Ruth Weber, United Brethren; Abby Farnes, World Bible Translators; Greg and Carina, United Brethren.




**CANADA**

Joe and Heidi, Evangelical Alliance; Steve and Melissa, United Brethren; Brian and Cathy, United Brethren; Gene and Becky, United Brethren.




**MEXICO**

Mexico Conference, 20 churches; Guatemala Conference, 10 churches; Honduras Conference, 10 churches; Nicaragua Conference, 10 churches.



**CENTRAL AMERICA**


Costa Rica Mission District, 1 church; Belize Mission District, 1 church; Guatemala Mission District, 1 church; Honduras Mission District, 1 church; Nicaragua Mission District, 1 church.



**SIERRA LEONE**


Chris and Nicole, United Brethren; Richard and Cathy, United Brethren.

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEADERS**




Brian McHugh, Canada; Denis Casco, Brazil; John Fennell, Korea; Armando Lopez, Honduras; Kim Kibing Yu, Hong Kong; Todd Fether, United States; Marjorie Pence, Honduras; Janna Gray, Guatemala; Isaac August, Jamaica; Jean Louis Supreme, Haiti.

**MISSION DISTRICT LEADERS**




H. M. Lee, Thailand; Miriam P, Thailand; Erik Rojas, Costa Rica; Moses Samah, Liberia; Karla Yung, Cambodia; Anthony Seay, Cambodia; Gonzalo Alas, El Salvador; Constance Lockburn, France.




**SPAIN**

Ron and Brandi Anderson, European Christian Mission; James Chen, 3040 International; Harold and Margaret, European Christian Mission.




**FRANCE**

Francis Mission District, 7 churches; UB work began in 2018.



**GERMANY**

Germany Mission District, 7 churches; UB work began in 2008.



**THAILAND**

Wilson and Erika Pacheco, UB International Team; Brian and Rachel Chung, UB International Team; Hannah Bennett, International School; Bryan and Emily Gerlach, Thailand.

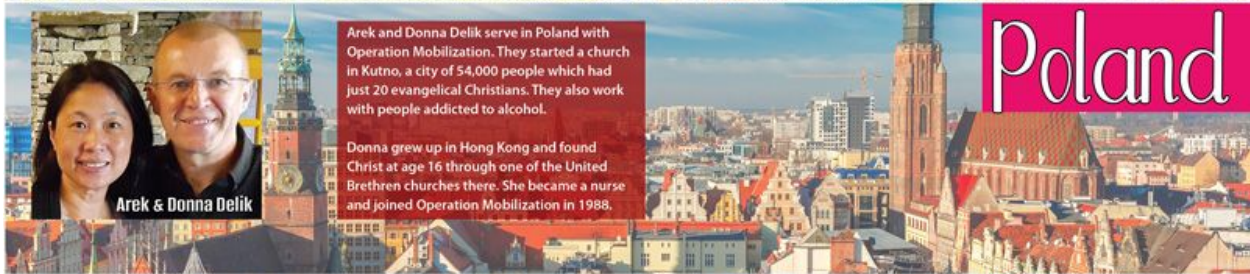
**LEGEND:**


- UB Global Staff (Employed by and serving with UB Global Office)
- Sojourn Staff (Employed by UB Global but serving with a different organization)
- JumpStart Staff (Employed by UB Global in a work-displacement program)
- Endorsed Staff (Serving with other mission organizations)

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# EUROPE





**Arek & Donna Delik**

Arek and Donna Delik serve in Poland with Operation Mobilization. They started a church in Kutno, a city of 54,000 people which had just 20 evangelical Christians. They also work with people addicted to alcohol.

Donna grew up in Hong Kong and found Christ at age 16 through one of the United Brethren churches there. She became a nurse and joined Operation Mobilization in 1988.

## Poland





Oliam Richard, the superintendent of our work in Haiti, lived in France during the 1980s. In 1983 he started a Haitian church on the outskirts of Paris using the name L'Eglise de Dieu Primitive — the First Church of God. In 2018, during their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the congregation chose to affiliate with the United Brethren in Christ. It is a young congregation; about half of the attendees are youth and children.

Zion Evangelical Church, a related multi-national (but predominantly Haitian) congregation in Paris, started in 2015. They, too, chose to become UB.

## France





**Ron & Brenda Anderson**

Ron and Brenda have served in Spain with European Christian Mission International since 1978. They have helped plant churches in several locations. Ron is now the director of all European field ministries for ECMI.



**Jaime Clore**

Jaime Clore serves in Spain with SEND International, and works with local youth and a church plant in Asturias. He is originally from Banner of Christ UB church in Grand Rapids, Mich.


## Spain



	France	Germany	Spain	Poland	Russia
Population	65 million	82 million	46 million	38 million	143 million
People groups	115	92	106	32	180
Unreached groups	37	27	16	5	117
Unreached population	4.3 million	3.4 million	1 million	12,000	15.6 million
Unreached %	7%	4%	2%	0%	11%
Evangelical %	1.2%	2.1%	1.6%	.3%	1.5%

A church in Berlin, which consists mostly of UB immigrants from Sierra Leone, became a mission district of Sierra Leone Conference in 2006. It was started in 1997 by Eric Mustapha, who grew up in a UB church in Freetown. In the same youth group as the current bishop, John Pessima. Mustapha moved on to pastor a church in London, but another Sierra Leonean, Peter Mansary, took his place in 2003. Peter attended Sierra Leone Conference in 2006 and said, "We're a United Brethren church, and have come back to our roots for a relationship."

## Germany





**Kurt & Bekah Siegel**

Kurt and Bekah Siegel serve with Resourcing Christian Education International and teach at the International Academy of St. Petersburg.

## Russia

We first went to China in the 1920s and established a thriving school. However, after World War II and the subsequent communist takeover of China, our work relocated to Hong Kong. The focus shifted from education to church work. We now have seven churches in Hong Kong. They have been instrumental in starting United Brethren work in Macau, Thailand, Myanmar, New York City, Toronto, and elsewhere.

In 1987, the United States and Hong Kong partnered to begin ministry in Macau. At the time, Hong Kong was owned by Great Britain, and Macau was owned by Portugal.

The United States sent two pastoral couples — Luke and Audrey Fetters, and Phil and Darlene Burkett — and Hong Kong provided a couple, Carol and Annie Chan. They used English classes to build relationships. Living Water church opened on January 1, 1988.

Over the years, many United Brethren missionaries have served in Macau, and two more churches opened: Living Word (now closed), and Living Stone.



*Kin Keung Yiu  
Superintendent,  
Hong Kong  
Conference*

*Great Britain governed Hong Kong until 1997, when it ceded control to China. Two years later, Portugal transferred Macau to China's control.*

## The Deceptive Glitter

Once a sleepy Portuguese colony, the small peninsula and islands of Macau have become the world's top destination for gambling, with revenues seven times greater than Las Vegas. These changes brought great wealth to Macau. But the glitter and luxury is deceiving. The city has seen a widening income gap, a skyrocketing cost of living, and legalized prostitution. Our small churches struggle amidst this fast-paced landscape. Most people remain spiritually apathetic. The need for Jesus is great.



*Rev. H. M. Lee*

In 1991, the UB people of Hong Kong Conference began supporting Rev. H. M. Lee, a church planter among the Akha minority group in northern Thailand. The work grew to include two churches and a school.

In 2016, Hong Kong and the US partnered to reach ethnic Thai people in Chiang Rai, a city of 65,000 people in northern Thailand. The Gospel has made major inroads with many Thai minorities, but Protestants comprise less than half of 1% of ethnic Thai, making them one of the least-reached people groups in the world.

Mission efforts in the 21<sup>st</sup> century can be described as "from everywhere to everywhere." This describes the initial Thailand team which was fully onsite in Chiang Rai by April 2017. It included missionaries from the US (Brian and Rachel Glunt and their three children), Honduras (Milton and Erika Pacheco), Hong Kong (Julie Hui and Pik Lai), and an undisclosed country (Paula).

Hong Kong Conference and UB Global jointly purchased land to build a community center in a thriving Thai community. It was dedicated in November 2019. The center will host classes on English, Chinese, art, music, parenting, and other subjects. Over time, the center can be used for Bible studies and worship gatherings.



*Jennifer*



*Jenaya*

**Jennifer Blandin** went to Macau in 1996 to teach English and care for mission finances. Since then, she has served in many capacities. Currently, Jen is pastor of the Living Stone church on the island of Taipa. She is from Mainstreet UB church in Walbridge, Ohio.

**Jenaya Bonner** went to Macau in 2010 after she graduated with one of Huntington University's first TESOL certificates. She joined the team as an English teacher and helped with the children's ministry at Living Stone. Jenaya recently took a position with an English-teaching center which gives her opportunities to connect with and serve persons less likely to come to a church. She is from Emmanuel Community Church in Fort Wayne, Ind.

## By the Numbers

	Hong Kong	Macau	Thailand
Total population	7.4 million	610,000	6.9 million
People Groups	24	12	114
Unreached	10	5	79
Unreached pop.	425,000	550,000	6.1 million
% unreached	6%	90%	88%
Religion			
Buddhist	.1%	16%	85%
Ethnic religion	58%	60%	3%
Christian	2%	9%	1%

## Praying for Macau

- Pray for spiritual awakening among a people that have been lulled to sleep by the gaming industry.
- Pray for Living Water Church to find ways to engage their culture with the message of Jesus.
- Pray that Living Stone Church will be able to find local leadership to carry them past missionary leadership.

## Elsewhere in Asia....

**Scott and Noel Hardaway** are UB Global endorsed missionaries serving in Papua New Guinea with World Gospel Mission. Scott is an ordained United Brethren minister who was a UB pastor in Michigan for 12 years. In addition, about ten UB Global staff work in several other countries of Asia and Asia Minor. However, their ministry occurs in what we call "restricted access" countries where missionaries are not welcome and where Christians face varying levels of harassment and persecution. For security reasons — both for these staff, and for the people among whom they work — we can't publicize their work. But they appreciate your prayers.



*Scott and Noel Hardaway family.*

## The Original Thailand Team



*Julie & Lai completed their two-year terms in 2018 and returned to Hong Kong. Julie remains involved with Thailand as the conference mission director.*

**Brian & Rachel Glunt** are members of Emmanuel Community Church in Fort Wayne, Ind. They have been leading English classes with Thai children, and played key roles in the community center construction and establishing a legal United Brethren presence in Thailand. Their fourth child, Maddie, was born in Thailand.

**Milton & Erika Pacheco**, from UB churches in Honduras, have a passion for music, art, and discipling young people.

**Paula** is from an undisclosed Asian country. She is reaching ethnic Thais as a student at the local university.

**Hannah Barrett** joined the team in 2018 after graduating from Huntington University. She teaches missionary children and Thai students in a Christian school, and helps the rest of the team teach English classes.



*Hannah*

## Praying for Thailand

- Spiritual protection for the team and those whose hearts are open to the Gospel.
- Patience and diligence in outreach as the team labors in hard soil.
- The Gospel to transform Thailand into a major missionary sending country.
- More workers to join the harvest — short, medium, and long term.

# AFRICA

## SIERRA LEONE CONFERENCE

78 Churches  
48 Primary Schools  
9 High Schools

### MISSION DISTRICTS

Sierra Leone Conference provides oversight of two UB mission districts.

**Germany.** We have one church in Berlin which consists mostly of immigrants from Sierra Leone.

**Liberia.** A group of nine churches affiliated with us in 2011.

### OUTREACH

**Pujehun.** In 2013, the conference started a church and school among the Val, a largely unreached Muslim group in the Pujehun Province.

**The Gambia.** The conference is exploring the possibility of beginning ministry in The Gambia, a small nation up the coast. Over the years, a number of United Brethren from Sierra Leone have relocated to the Gambia for work, and they have requested help to start churches.

	SIERRA LEONE	LIBERIA
Total Population	7.7 million	4.9 million
People Groups	30	39
Unreached	11	5
Unreached pop.	1.3 million	539,000
Religion		
Islam	61%	16%
Christian	13%	40%
Ethnic	24%	43%



Rev. John Pessima  
Bishop  
Sierra Leone Conference



Rev. Moses Somah  
Bishop  
Liberia Mission District

## MATTRU HOSPITAL

Jon and Heleen Yoder have served at Mattru Hospital since March of 2017. Dr. Richard and Cathy Toupin serve three months at a time, with a six-week break back in the United States.

Many improvements have been made to the hospital. Thanks to the solar project, the hospital now has continuous light and electricity. An x-ray machine was donated during the past year, and work teams provided a new roof and other renovations to the maternity ward.

### WAYS TO PRAY FOR MATTRU HOSPITAL

- That God would raise up persons to serve at Mattru Hospital, whether Sierra Leonean or from elsewhere.
- That God would give wisdom in partnership with the Sierra Leone government.
- That God's love and grace would flow from the staff to the community as people are cared for and healed.

### BY THE NUMBERS

Mattru Hospital Stats for 2018

Females seen	4,513
Males seen	2,446
Females admitted	1,601
Males admitted	829
C-sections	154
Other births	711



Dr. Jon and Heleen Yoder

Dr. Jon Yoder sold his medical practice in Alabama in 2012, and began doing medical mission work in various countries. In 2014 he went to Sierra Leone to see his daughter, who was doing mission work in Freetown. There, he met Heleen, from the Netherlands, who had been serving in Sierra Leone since 2003. They were married in 2015.

Dr. Richard and Cathy Toupin, a nurse, served at the Mattru Hospital 1990-1992, and on numerous occasions as short-term workers since the end of the war in 2002. They are from Auburn, Ind.



Dr. Richard and Cathy Toupin

Abdul Mustapha is the administrator of Mattru Hospital and of UBHC Hospital Enterprises. He attended the UB high school at Bumpo, and became a Christian through Sierra Leone Conference. He oversees the work of the hospital and of the water and solar projects, which serve the community and help fund the hospital.



Abdul Mustapha

Nyandengoh means, "He or she is beautiful!" in the Mende language, which is spoken in Mattru. This is the name of a new ministry to children with disabilities and their families.

Heleen Yoder spearheads this ministry. She is highly trained and experienced in issues of child trauma, sex trafficking, mental illness, and related areas. Two Sierra Leonean volunteers work closely with her: Esther, the mother of a child with disabilities, and Sylvanus.

Their work involves weekly visits to the children and their families, coordinating with organizations that bring equipment and medical care, and training community leaders and teachers.



Dr. Seth and Becca Mallay and children are UB Global endorsed missionaries serving with an organization called ABWE. They hold membership in the UB church in Hillsdale, Mich. Seth felt called to medical missions as a child, and Becca, who was raised on the mission field, also felt a childhood call. They went to Togo in 2016.

## TOGO



## KENYA



Steve and Amanda Taylor are endorsed missionaries serving with African Inland Mission at the Rift Valley Academy in Kenya. Steve teaches music and leadership, and Amanda serves as a nurse.

## SOUTH AFRICA

Nichie Stonall is a UB Global Sojourn staffperson serving with Impact Africa in Johannesburg, South Africa. She is part of a team ministering to 300,000 people living in the slums, or squatter camps. She directs a baby abandonment center.



# THE AMERICAS

The United Brethren have a strong presence in the Americas. There are seven national conferences and two mission districts. In the early 1940s, the United States began work in Honduras. The Central Americans took it from there, spreading on their own to Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Guatemala. A Honduran, Denis Casco, brought a large group of churches in Mexico into the United Brethren fold. In addition, many UB Global missionaries — all but three of them Endorsed missionaries — serve in the Americas.

## HOW TO PRAY

**Pray for continued outreach.** That the churches will keep moving forward and reaching new people with the Gospel, even as many of these nations experience turmoil — civil unrest in Nicaragua, gang violence in Honduras and El Salvador, extreme poverty in Guatemala and Haiti, and drug-related violence in Mexico.

**Pray for new pastors.** That God will raise up more men and women who will answer his call to become pastors and church planters.

**Pray for financial stability.** This is especially difficult to maintain in countries where turmoil exists.

**Pray for our missionaries.** Pray for their ministries, funding needs, safety, families, and the ever-present spiritual warfare.



**NATIONAL LEADERS**

**David and Teresa Roberts family**  
Cornerstone Foundation  
Honduras

**Chris and Brenda Moore**  
Here's Hope Ministries  
Belize

**Roger and Marilyn Reeck**  
Wycliffe Bible Translators  
Honduras

**Rigo and Christi Andino family**  
Commission to Every Nation  
Honduras

**Neptaly Ponce**  
Honduras

**Armondo Lopez**  
Nicaragua

**Jaime Chun**  
Guatemala

**Gonzalo Alias**  
El Salvador

**Erik Rojas**  
Costa Rica

All of the missionaries based in the USA and Canada serve in administrative and other roles with mission organizations that have an overseas focus.

## CANADA



**Fraser and Sherry Churchill**  
Operation Mobilization



**Rick and Diane Tyler**  
Christian Missions Resource Center

## UNITED STATES



**Brian and Cathy Birdsall**  
Cru  
New York



**Dave and Cathie Datema family**  
Frontier Ventures  
Pasadena, Calif.



**Roger and Mary Lou Skinner**  
One Mission Society  
Greenwood, Ind.



**Jessica Hollopetter**  
One Mission Society  
Greenwood, Ind.



**Sarah Bonner**  
One Mission Society  
Greenwood, Ind.



**Doug and Ruth Weber**  
Somerset Solutions  
Elkhart, Ind.



**Abby Farmer**  
Wycliffe  
Dallas, Texas



**Jim and Heidi Olinger**  
Nicaragua Christian Education Foundation, Illinois

## CARIBBEAN



**Isaac Nugent**  
Bishop, Jamaica



**Jean Supreme**  
Superintendent, Haiti



**Dave and Becky Spencer**  
JAARS  
Waxhaw, N. C.



**Sean and Kathy Coffey**  
Churches in Missions  
Chambersburg, Pa.

## UB GLOBAL STAFF

These three persons are UB Global staff.

Chris Wimer is a Sojourn staff. He teaches at Alliance Academy International in Quito, Ecuador. Chris is from Jerusalem Chapel (Churchville, Va.).

Harold and MaryAnn Hancock are JumpStart staff serving in Jamaica at Regent College of the Caribbean. They are from New Hope UB church in Camden, Mich.

## BY THE NUMBERS

	Mexico	Guatemala	Honduras	El Salvador	Nicaragua	Jamaica	Haiti	Costa Rica
Population	131 million	17.5 million	9.5 million	6.4 million	6.3 million	2.9 million	11.2 million	5 million
People Groups	330	61	22	11	18	9	6	21
Unreached	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Unreached pop.	146,000	900	1,900	600	0	0	0	2,600
Unreached %	.1%	.01%	.02%	.01%	0%	0%	0%	.05%
Christian	95%	96%	96%	95%	96%	81%	95%	96%





**COLOR**

YOUR DRAWING AND PUT IT ON YOUR FRIDGE

**THINK**

ABOUT WRITING A LETTER TO YOUR MISSIONARY

# PRAY

FOR YOUR MISSIONARY

★  
**MY**  
MISSIONARY'S NAME

FINALLY, BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US, THAT THE WORD OF THE LORD MAY RUN SWIFTLY AND BE GLORIFIED, JUST AS IT IS WITH YOU. - 2 THESSALONIANS

3:1

★  
DRAW YOUR MISSIONARY

★  
COUNTRY...



★  
DRAW THEIR COUNTRY FLAG

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**HOW CAN I PRAY FOR THEM?**  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_