

GRACE BIBLE
CHURCH OF BOISE

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GRACE BIBLE DISTINCTIVES

MEET THE PASTORS

MINISTRIES & CHURCH LIFE

FROM GRACE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Friend,

Welcome! Whether you're visiting for the first time or looking for a church to call home, we are so glad you are here worshiping with us. It is our hope that you experience the love of God through the people of God who attend this body. God never intended our lives to be lived alone, and our heart is to connect you with a genuine community of believers where you will be welcomed, encouraged, supported, and always pointed to Jesus. We would be honored to join you on your journey as you pursue your relationship with Christ.

Here, as a family of believers, you'll find a place to worship God, through music, be taught biblical truth, witness lives changed through the power of the Spirit and prayer, and journey alongside fellow believers who are endeavoring to follow our Lord and Savior. You will also have opportunities to grow in your relationship with Christ through discipleship. We believe you will find deep, Christ-centered relationships here that will strengthen and encourage you in your walk with God.

You will also see that we are committed to, and consider it our responsibility, to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by faith through grace, both near and far. This is accomplished through our active involvement in overseas missions, supporting missionaries, local outreaches, and local ministries.

Again, we thank you for being with us here at Grace Bible Church and pray with you as you consider making us your church home. We would love to get to know you more, answer any questions you may have and help you get connected. Please feel free to reach out to our staff or Elders via email, if there is any way we can assist you as you consider Grace Bible Church.

In Christ's Incredible Love,

Grace Bible Church Leadership Team

The Heart of GBC

Edify → Equip → Engage

EDIFY — Build Up
Strengthen believers in the Word by building up the body of Christ.
Eph.4:12 (building up the body)

EQUIP — Prepared
Train believers to live and serve effectively in the body of Christ.
Eph.4:12 *(equip the saints)*

ENGAGE — Participate
Activate believers in community through the life and mission of Christ.
Eph. 4:12 (w*ork of ministry)*

Edified in the **Word.**

Equipped for the **Work.**

Engaged in the **Mission.**

OUR PURPOSE AND PRIORITIES

So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit."
Ephesians 2:19-22

Our Purpose

To be a biblical family of God, experiencing and expressing the love of God. The Great Commandment and the Great Commission are the foundation of who we are and what we do.

The Great Commandment: Jesus replied, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it, "'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:37-39)

The Great Commission: "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

Our Priorities

- **Worshipping** To glorify God through lives of corporate and individual praise (Hebrews 13:15)
- **Expository** teaching To proclaim the Bible as the Word of God and ultimate authority (2 Timothy 3:16)
- **Praying** To trust God for everything concerning life and godliness (Philippians 4:6)
- **Serving** To care for God's people through loving service to one another (Galatians 5:13)
- **Equipping** To build up God's people in biblical understanding, ministry skills and godly character (Ephesians 4:12)
- **Evangelizing** To share the gospel of Christ in order to establish the church locally and globally (Acts 1:8)
- **Fellowshipping** To grow spiritually in the context of relationships (Hebrews 10:24-25)

WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Bible

The Bible, made up of 66 books in the Old and New Testaments, is God's perfect and complete Word. It is without error and inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21). It is the final authority for all matters of faith and life (Psalm 19:7-11; Hebrews 4:12).

God

There is only one true God, who exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

God the Father

The Father is the Creator and sovereign ruler of all (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 103:19). He is a loving Father to those who believe in Him (John 1:12; Romans 8:14-17).

God the Son (Jesus Christ)

Jesus is fully God and fully man (John 1:1,14; Colossians 2:9). He was born of a virgin (Matthew 1:23), lived a sinless life, died for our sins, and rose again (1 Peter 2:24; Matthew 28:6). He is now in heaven, interceding for believers, and will return to judge the world (Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, dwells in believers, and transforms them into the image of Christ (John 16:8; Romans 8:9; 2 Corinthians 3:18). He gives spiritual gifts to equip the church (1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Ephesians 4:11-12).

Man

Man was created in God's image (Genesis 1:26-27) but fell into sin, resulting in spiritual death and separation from God (Romans 3:23, 5:12). All people need salvation through Christ.

Salvation

Salvation is a free gift from God, given by grace through faith in Jesus (Ephesians 2:8-9). It is only through Christ's sacrifice that we are forgiven (Romans 5:8-9). Good works show our faith but do not earn salvation (James 2:18; Titus 3:5).

Security of the Believer

Those who trust in Christ have eternal life and cannot lose their salvation (John 10:27-30; Romans 8:38-39). The Holy Spirit guarantees our redemption (Ephesians 1:13-14).

The Church

The church is made up of all true believers (1 Corinthians 12:12-13). The local church gathers for worship, teaching, fellowship, and spreading the gospel (Acts 2:42; Matthew 28:19). Jesus is the Head of the church (Ephesians 1:22-23).

Ordinances

Baptism and the Lord's Supper are symbols of our faith and obedience to God (Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). They do not bring salvation but reflect our commitment to Christ.

Future Events

Jesus will return (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). Believers will live forever with God, while unbelievers will face eternal separation from Him (John 5:28-29; Revelation 20:11-15). God will create a new heaven and earth (Revelation 21:1).

Angels and Demons

Angels serve God and help His people (Hebrews 1:14). Satan and demons oppose God but will ultimately be defeated and judged (Revelation 20:10).

MEET OUR PASTORS

Pastor Ben Morrison

God's heart for people has always been evident wherever God has taken me in my life. I wish for those who don't know Him to come to know Him and for those believers that do know Him to grow and flourish in their understanding and relationship with Him.

From being born in Idaho, to being raised on the Mission field in Indonesia, to serving as Youth Pastor in Baker City, Oregon, to being the Dean of Students at Ethnos360 Bible Institute, to now being privileged to serve alongside the members of His incredible church here at Grace Bible Church of Boise, as Pastor, God has always given me a heart for His people.

Our church's purpose "To be a biblical family of God, experiencing and expressing the love of God. The Great Commandment and the Great Commission are the foundation of who we are and what we do." resonates with my wife, Carla, and me because it speaks to God's heart for all people. From our purpose statement, we as a church understand the need for community, the need to find connection, the need for being equipped, the need for opportunities to serve in the body and outside our body as we endeavor to serve one another in love. We understand that Jesus, through the Great Commandment and the Great Commission speaks to this, and it is our desire as a church to manifest His desire well as we trust God to lead us in His eternal purposes in our church, our homes, our community and to the ends of the earth. I have been privileged to have The Great Commission as part of my DNA for most of my life. I spent 16 years of my life growing up in Indonesia on the mission field and served with a church-planting missions organization for the last 20 years. Grace Bible Church makes Jesus's words priority, the very core and desire, the heartbeat of the Church. Carla and I are so thankful that God graciously led us here to be a part of this wonderful body of believers with such a clear Biblical foundationin November of 2023.

We thoroughly enjoy the genuineness, friendliness and most importantly the Biblical Foundation and focus of GBC. We are excited about what God is presently doing in and through our church family and look forward to all that He has for us in the future. One of my favorite quotes is, "If we aren't impacting people, we aren't impacting eternity". This statement is sobering and yet reality, isn't it? God has given clarity and purpose for His Church through His Word. We as a church desire to make it our aim to follow His Word explicitly as we follow our Savior, trusting Him to lead us as we endeavor to impact people for eternity.



MEET OUR PASTORS

Pastor Joe Cacioppo

I was born and raised in Southern California in a non-Christian home. At the age of 23 I moved with my wife and a newly born baby to the Bull Mountains in Montana. There, a rancher, and his wife shared the love of God and the gospel of Jesus, which led us both to accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord. Not long after that I felt called by the Lord to minister to youth. Three years and two children later, through a series of events, we moved back to southern California where I attended Masters College. After college I spent twenty plus years as a youth pastor and then another twenty plus as the senior pastor of Grace Bible Church. The central focus of my ministry has always been around the teaching and preaching of the Word of God. It is there that people are led to see the grace of God and love of Christ. It is there that we come to know God and Christ in a deeper intimate way which is the source of our hope, joy, peace, contentment, and all other aspects of life. It is through the Word of God that the Holy Spirit can transform our lives, comfort, grow our faith and transform us into the likeness of Jesus Christ

Shirlie and I have been married forty-five years, have three children and eight grandchildren. We like to camp and fish, enjoy the outdoors, and spend as much time possible with our grandchildren. Grace Bible Church is very precious to us. It is a place where people genuinely care for each other and for the lost. It is a church that finds it unity in Christ and a love to reach the lost for Christ. After serving as senior pastor here for 20 years it is a great blessing to be able to continue in a lesser role as my ministry winds down. It is my desire to do this until the Lord takes me upstairs.



MEET OUR PASTORS

Pastor Jordan Henderson

My family and I recently made the big move from Fort Worth, Texas, and we're so excited to be here! My wife, Sara, and I have been married for 15 years, and we have three amazing kids—Remedy, Arrow, and Harbor. As a family, we love spending time outdoors—hiking, camping, and exploring new places together. Adventuring in God's creation has always been a huge part of our lives, and we're thrilled to be in a place like Boise where there's so much to discover! From serving internationally as missionaries to working in the local church, one thing has always remained at the core of our calling: helping the next generation know, love, and follow Jesus. I'm passionate about walking alongside students as they grow in their faith—helping them understand what they believe and also why it matters. My heart is to see young believers develop a deep, personal relationship with Christ and live out their faith in real, tangible ways. I believe God isn't looking for perfect people; He's looking for those who are willing to say "yes" to Him. More than anything, I want to see this generation rise up with a boldness to follow Jesus wherever He leads.

Our youth ministry is all about creating a place where students can grow and be equipped to live out their faith. My hope is that this isn't just a place they attend—it's a community where they are encouraged, and even more so, challenged to live for Christ. Whether through worship, discipleship, prayer, service, or sharing the gospel, I want to see students not only strengthened in their faith but also sent out to make an impact—both here in Boise and beyond.

If you're new or just checking things out, I'd love to meet you! Let's walk this journey of faith together.



MEET OUR LEADERS

ELDER TEAM

As the shepherds of the flock of God, the elders collectively share the responsibility for overseeing the teaching and discipling ministries of the church. The Board of Elders is responsible to know the spiritual condition of the flock and to pursue the goal of seeing that each person who is part of this flock is being nurtured toward greater spiritual maturity. Part of their shepherding ministry is to oversee benevolence within the church. With these goals in mind, it is expected that elders meet the qualifications mentioned in 1 Timothy and Titus and that each one have significant involvement in the lives of people in this flock.

SERVING ELDER TEAM

Ben Morrison
Steve McAfee
Luke Strozewskie
Fred Jacobi
Rob Gregory
Mike Timson

DEACON TEAM

The deacons assist the elders by assuming responsibility for overseeing facilities and physical needs within the church. The Board of Deacons will work closely with the Board of Elders and be accountable to the elders. It is expected that deacons likewise meet the scriptural qualifications and that they train others to assume responsibility in the ministries they oversee.

SERVING DEACON TEAM

Allan Beck
Dave Bohan
Chad Brusseau
Loyd W Davis
Mike Stipke
Darrell Unger

MINISTRY DIRECTOR TEAM

Ministry Directors are recognized as devoted followers of Christ who exhibit a deep passion for a specific area of ministry. They are servant leaders who take on the responsibility of guiding, teaching, and investing in those who serve alongside them. Through their leadership, they inspire others to grow spiritually, build community, and advance the mission of Grace Bible Church. Their commitment to their ministry area reflects their dedication to glorifying God and equipping the church to serve with purpose and love.

SERVING MINISTRY DIRECTOR TEAM

Andrea Redmond – Children's Ministry Director
Austin Plew – Worship Ministry Director
Bessie Davis – Nursery Ministry Director
Darrell Unger – Security Team Director

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

OF Boise



ALL ABOUT

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

COME HEAR THE VISION AND GET CONNECTED!

Interested in learning more about Grace Bible Church? Watch for our next All About Grace gathering and register when sign-ups open.

Women's Ministry

WOMEN'S MINISTRY AT GBC



Our Women's Ministry is all about growing in Christ together through meaningful relationships, biblical study, and encouragement. We offer several mid-week studies and connection groups where women can deepen their faith and find community. In. addition, our women's retreats provide a time of refreshment, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.

For the latest information and ways to get connected, check out the church app!

The essential purpose of the Women's Ministry of Grace Bible Church is to provide an opportunity to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of women particularly, but not exclusively, within the church. The ultimate goal is to "present every woman complete in Christ" (Col. 1:28). The goal "to be complete in Christ" is to portray Christ-likeness first in their personal life which will then overflow into their home, church, community and into the world. "We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ." We seek to accomplish this goal through:

1) Teaching, training and nurturing
2) Fellowship
3) Service
4) Outreach



Womens Connection Groups

CONNECTIONS Women's Ministry
"One generation will commend Your works to another; they will tell of Your mighty acts." Psalm 145:4

God has created us with a deep need for connection and encouragement. Scripture reminds us of the beauty and responsibility of passing faith from one generation to the next. Connections exists to foster those kinds of Christ-centered relationships.

CONNECTIONS – Purpose
Helping women of all generations cultivate biblical relationships in the refuge of small mentoring groups guided by mature women of faith — so that hearts are pointed to Christ, God is glorified, and His Word is upheld.

What Is Connections?
- Small groups of 3–4 women guided by a mentor
- Focused on intentional spiritual growth and accountability
- A safe place of encouragement, grounded in prayer and biblical truth

What Is the Commitment?
- Groups meet once a month (or more) at a mutually agreed-upon time and location
- Members commit to regularly praying for one another

How Do I Get Involved?
- Pray and ask the Lord how He would have you participate
- To join a group or become a mentor, contact any member of the Connections Team
- Training and ongoing support are provided for mentors

CONNECTIONS Ministry Team
Pam Beck
(208) 283-6727

Lauren Strozewski
(414) 294-9654

Reach out to us and get connected to a group!

Men's Ministry

MEN'S MINISTRY AT GBC



As Men of GBC, we endeavor to grow in our walk with the Lord and sharpen each other in our desire to be godly leaders to our families, church, and community as Proverbs 27:17 states. One of our primary goals for Men's Ministry is to give ample opportunity to interact as men, to sharpen each other and encourage each other to live our lives as unto the Lord.

For the latest details and ways to get involved, check out the church app!

Practices of the Men's Ministry

Mid-week Bible Studies
The mid-week Bible studies facilitate spiritual growth through the teaching of God's Word, prayer and fellowship. The teaching emphasis for these studies should therefore include:

1. Application of basic biblical truths to all areas of life
2. Deepen understanding of God's mind, His heart and His precepts
3. Building relationships
4. Prayer
5. Serving

Discipleship
Discipleship is the intensely personal activities of two or more persons helping each other experience a growing relationship with God, the goal being to follow Jesus and become more like Him.

Men's Retreats
Men's retreats, usually held once a year, are designed to give men a break from the hustle and bustle of normal life and get away for a weekend of teaching, prayer, fellowship and relaxation.

Men's Breakfasts
A few times a year, the men's ministry team hosts a Saturday morning breakfast for men to gather and enjoy fellowship and encouragement.

GBC MEN'S
CONNECT GROUPS

CONNECT PRAY GROW

CONNECT — Take time to hear each other's stories and build real connection — to truly know and be known by others. intentionally building authentic relationships where men can be real, share life, and encourage one another in their walk with Christ.

GROW — To grow vertically in relationship and knowledge of the Lord. This Spring, each group will read a group book, share personal life stories and discuss life applications.

PRAY — To pray together and for each other. We believe prayer strengthens our faith and our friendships — drawing us closer to God and one another.

What to Expect

Your group will meet once a month with three simple commitments:

- Commit to Connect — Hear one another's stories and build friendships.
- Commit to Grow — Read and discuss Group Book
- Commit to Pray — Pray for one another as you walk through the spring season together.

Jump into a group at any time — Men's Connect Groups meet in the fall and spring.

To get plugged into a group, check the Church Center app for current group listings and sign-up details.

Family Ministry

FAMILY MINISTRY AT GBC





Raising a family in today's world comes with its challenges, but you don't have to do it alone. Our Family Ministry is all about helping families grow together in Christ through meaningful relationships and shared experiences. We offer a yearly family camp and weekly or monthly family groups that meet throughout the year. Our desire is to see families support, encourage, and walk alongside one another in faith.

God designed us to live in biblical community, where we can strengthen one another in love, accountability, and encouragement. Hebrews 10:24-25 reminds us, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

We believe that family discipleship is essential—parents play a primary role in leading their children to know and follow Christ (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). Our goal is to equip and encourage families to build their homes on a firm biblical foundation, walking together in faith and pointing each other to Jesus (Joshua 24:15).

Stay connected and find new groups and fun family events by checking the church app!

Highway 55+

EMPTY NESTERS MINISTRY AT GBC



This group is for individuals and couples in the empty nester stage of life. We gather around events such as potlucks, game nights and camp outs, to connect, make friends, have fun, encourage and share our faith with one another.

See Church app for special events or to get connected to a home group.





Children's Ministry

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT GBC

We believe children are a gift from God, and it's a privilege to teach them about His love. Our goal is to help kids grow up loving God deeply, excited to serve in the church, and passionate about sharing His love globally. We provide both teaching and real-life examples to help children build a strong biblical foundation and encounter God personally.

Core Values:

- Faith starts at home: Parents are the primary spiritual leaders, supported by the church.
- Children can fully trust Christ and grow spiritually.
- Kids thrive when they learn biblical truth and experience God personally.
- We rely on the Holy Spirit to lead and teach.
- The Bible guides all we teach and do.
- Ensuring every child's physical and spiritual safety is essential.
- We teach the gospel in relevant, understandable ways without compromising biblical truth.
- Our leaders are called and equipped by God for children's ministry.

Sunday Mornings: Children start worshiping with their families before going to Children's Church, where they engage in age-appropriate Bible lessons. Families who prefer their children to remain in the main service are fully supported.

Nursery & Mother's Room:

- Nursery (Infant - Pre-K): A loving environment for young children, with parents always welcome.
- Mother's Room: A private, comfortable space equipped with audio for nursing mothers or restless infants.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Each summer, kids enjoy an exciting, free event filled with Bible lessons, music, games, skits, crafts, and snacks, all focused on understanding God's love.
Check out the church app for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities!





Youth Ministry

YOUTH MINISTRY AT GBC

Our youth ministry helps students in grades 6–12 learn God's Word and apply it to their daily lives. We provide a safe space where young people can grow in faith, build friendships, and be encouraged to follow Christ. Our gatherings are designed both to deepen the faith of believers and to welcome friends who don't yet know Jesus.
We believe parents are the primary spiritual guides for their kids, and our role is to support and equip families. We reinforce biblical truths, encourage godly character, and help students build strong spiritual foundations. Additionally, we aim to resource parents by addressing challenges that today's youth face.

Activities include:

- Winter & Summer Camps: Time to focus on Christ, build friendships, and grow spiritually.
- Local Outreach & Service Projects: Serving the community together.
- Weekly Gatherings: Bible teaching, worship, and discipleship.
- Fun Events: Opportunities to connect, have fun, and invite friends.

We aim to develop students who:

- Love God, His Word, and prayer.
- Build meaningful, Christ-centered friendships.
- Serve others with humility and kindness.
- Share their faith and disciple others.
- Grow passionate about missions.

Our ultimate goal is to see students become committed followers of Christ, grounded in truth, equipped for life, and ready to impact the world for God's Kingdom.
Check out our church app for more info and upcoming events!





MEET OUR LOCAL MINISTRIES



TREASURE VALLEY PATH

Recent Update from Path!

2024 was a year of steady growth, sobering challenges, and multiple God moments. We saw many abortion vulnerable clients who were facing difficult situations and complicated circumstances. We helped families who lacked insurance and other resources to get the pregnancy related support they needed. We dealt with the reality that abortion medication is easily accessible to women in Idaho, in spite of our laws. However, we also had countless divine appointments where women chose life, and their stories were forever changed.

What Do We Do?

Path offers education and guidance for families in the Treasure Valley in a caring, supportive environment. We build stronger families by offering hope, care, and confidence. Path offers services from pregnancy verification, through childbirth and beyond! The gospel message of love and hope is available to all, but not a requirement of any service or care.

Services We Provide

Our team is here for you. We have a team of Client Advocates, Sonographer, Mid-wives, and Nurses that are all trained to care for you and your individual needs. Each step is part of your journey and no one walks alone.

- Pregnancy Testing
- Ultrasound Exam
- Resources & Education
- Pregnancy Consultation
- Abortion & Pregnancy Loss Recovery



MEET OUR MISSIONARIES



JONATHAN AND SUZANNE WRIGHT

Jonathan and Suzanne Wright serve Christ in Europe and the Middle East through World in Need International, focusing on discipleship, indigenous evangelism, church planting, and leadership training. Jonathan, raised by missionary parents in Brazil, and Suzanne, from a pastoral family in the Pacific Northwest, embraced William Borden's motto: "No Reserves, No Retreat! No Regrets!"

From 1985-2002, they trained church leaders in Romania while pastoring in the U.S., helping establish a Bible school and Christian camp. From 2002-2014, they served English-speaking churches in Austria and have taught Bible classes at the United Nations for 17 years. In 2005, they began training church leaders in Iraq, expanding outreach as new opportunities arose.

Since 2014, they have engaged in evangelism and discipleship among refugees in Austria, leading many to faith and training leaders in Egypt and Austria. Their ministry has placed them at pivotal historical moments, including Romania's 1989 revolution, the 2015 refugee crisis, and the 2014 ISIS conflict in Iraq. Married for 40 years, they have three married children and four grandchildren.

WORLD IN NEED

From:
Jonathan & Suzanne Wright

Reaching the Unreached
Inspired by Paul's Heart

"It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known… Those who were not told about Him will see, and those who have not heard will understand."
— Romans 15:20–21

Just as the Apostle Paul was compelled to bring the gospel to unreached regions, our hearts have been stirred for the same mission: to proclaim Christ, disciple new believers, and equip a new generation of church leaders. Over the years, this calling has shaped our ministry strategy and led us to places where few others have gone. We are incredibly thankful for your ongoing partnership through prayer and giving—you are part of this mission!

MEET OUR MISSIONARIES



GREAT GRACE MINISTRIES

Founded in August 2018, Great Grace Ministries (GGM) is a Christian missions organization committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in Mexico and training and equipping new missionaries to spread the gospel worldwide. Rooted in both local outreach and global impact, GGM is passionate about long-term relationships, community transformation, and discipleship.

The Jarillo Family Team

In 2017, Elias and Katie Jarillo, along with their three children, moved to Elias's hometown in Central Mexico to begin full-time ministry. Their family-centered approach to missions has opened countless doors for connection, compassion, and Christ-centered transformation.

GREAT GRACE MINISTRIES

OUTREACH. CONNECTION. SERVICE. DISCIPLESHIP.

Great Grace Ministries serves in Central Mexico by sharing the Gospel, building relationships, and discipling new believers. Through teaching English and American culture classes to local children, the team creates natural opportunities to connect with families, share meals, teach biblical values, and build trust. Home visits are an essential part of the ministry, where prayer, Scripture reading, and practical support open doors for spiritual growth. In 2022, Elias became the full-time pastor, providing a church home in downtown Agua Blanca for a growing faith community. The ministry also equips short-term missionaries and is actively praying for a future ministry center to support church gatherings, youth programs, and vulnerable families in need.

MEET OUR MISSIONARIES



ALLAN AND PATRICIA MATAMORAS

From their youth, Allan and Patricia Matamoros dedicated their lives to following and serving Jesus in world missions. Allan's journey began as the executive director of FEDEMEC, the pioneering sending missionary agency from Costa Rica to the Unreached. They both serve with COMIBAM (the Latin America Missions umbrella), working with a multinational team to transform Latin America from a mission field to a mission force.

In 2004, Allan became the international director of PM-International, and Patricia became the Projects Director of the same mission. PMI is a Latin American church planting mission that focuses on the Muslim world; they have served there for 12 years. Allan has been the chairman of Vision 5:9, a global network of 180 mission agencies working to share Jesus's love and plant churches among Muslims.

Allan and Patricia have devoted their lives to evangelizing the Muslim World. They have done personal mission work in Jordan, Cyprus, and Spain. Currently, they serve in two areas of action: First, deploying Latin-American church planting teams in Islamic regions.. Secondly, from their regional center in Valencia, they are working alongside MBB Churches—Muslim Background Believers. Their focus is on Discipleship, Church Planting, and Compassion Ministries, especially in the Arab World (Middle East, North Africa) and African Muslims in the West Africa region. They actively train and equip MBB leaders, participate in church planting initiatives, and partnering in compassion and development efforts to the Muslim communities they serve.

Global Fellowship

Please pray for Allan and Patricia Matamoros as they support a house church movement across 13 countries in West Africa, including the Sahel and Sahara regions. Pray for protection and effective training for local believers, especially in areas of church planting among Muslims. Also, lift up their efforts in Spain, where they are discerning new ministry locations in cities with large Muslim populations. Their vision includes outreach through vocational training, Spanish language classes, and women's education. Finally, pray for their leadership role in an Arab-led mission movement focused on making disciples and planting churches across the Middle East and North Africa.

MEET OUR MISSIONARIES



THE LESSO FAMILY



Abiding Faith Ministries began in the living room of the Lesso family's home in 2022, but the vision was born many years before.

In 2009, Jordy (Lasarus) met Jen during a short term mission in Papua, Indonesia. Despite different languages, cultures, and continents, God brought them together and they married in 2014. Five years later, the inspiration to establish an international Christian school began after the Lessos packed up their three young children and moved to Jordy's hometown of Kupang, Indonesia.

During the pandemic, the Lesso family traveled to the US to support this ministry idea but were unable to return to Indonesia due to travel restrictions. In the fall of 2021, Jordy returned to Indonesia on a brief trip and God opened the doors for the ministry of Solid Rock School to begin.

Jen and Jordy have been working on the ministry from the US along with Indonesian partners in Kupang. They plan to live in the US for now and support and run the ministry from here. They plan to travel periodically to Indonesia to carry out and supervise ministry activities.

Solid Rock School

Solid Rock School exists to provide a firm foundation of faith for its students. The school provides the opportunity for students to learn the foundational truths of God alongside traditional subjects. The school is bilingual which allows students to obtain English language learning which opens opportunities for their futures. Abiding Faith Ministries currently supports Solid Rock School, a Christian international school in Kupang, Indonesia.

The school has classes with PreK-2nd grade for the 2024-25 school year. Each year we plan to open each successive grade.

