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Victor and Virgilia have been serving in Honduras since 1996 where he works as the Associate Director of the Honduran Extension Bible Institute – West (HEBI-West). The HEBI program exists to train new pastors and plant churches by extension in rural areas where there is no evangelical work being done. This model gives access to training to people who cannot leave their communities to attend a school in a larger city. Currently they average 4 new church plants per year! Victor and Virgilia keep very busy with many projects that they lead, such as: providing motorcycles to pastors so that they can travel as they serve in ministry, Victor has a very successful prison ministry, each year they host a women's conference for the wives of pastors to give them support and refreshment and they are continually gathering supplies and financial support for the educational needs of children in the poor, remote communities that they serve.



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Jonathan and Heidi have lived in a remote village among the Isnag people of the Philippines since 1999. In their 20 years of ministry they have worked to translate many books of the Bible into the Isnag language, including 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, Ephesians, Romans and Acts. The translation process is long, tedious and time consuming. Jonathan works with a few locals who check his work to make sure that the translation is accurate and presents the correct message. Heidi helps with the translation process, teaches life skills like sewing to women in their village and she also hosts women's Bible studies. Living in the village has allowed Jonathan and Heidi the very special opportunity to develop deep and meaningful relationships with the people in the community.



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Robert and Priscilla live in Pakistan where they have served since 1994. They are integral in the operation of the Shikarpur Christian Hospital which serves local women and children. Priscilla is a doctor so her days, and often nights, are filled with appointments, surgeries, deliveries and meeting other needs of her patients. Robert's primary role is maintaining the infrastructure of the hospital and homes of the missionaries working there. They hold morning chapel for the staff and patients at the hospital. Hiring local women to work at the hospital is also a great opportunity for

them to evangelize in this largely Muslim country. Pakistan is a very difficult place to live and work – it is often above 100 degrees for 6 months or more!



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Rene lives in the Philippines where he and his wife served since 1993. In 2021, Rene's wife Carla went home to her Savior after a battle with cancer. Rene's ministry role is teaching students from all across Asia at the Asian Theological Seminary; upon course completion his students are then sent out into missions all over the world as pastors and leaders in many different fields of ministry. He also travels to other provinces to offer training to those who cannot travel to Manila.



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Humberto and Carmen live in Northern Honduras where they have served as leaders of the Honduran Extension Bible Institute since 1981. The HEBI program exists to train new pastors and plant churches by extension in rural areas where there is no evangelical work being done. This model gives access to training to people who cannot leave their communities to attend a school in a larger city. Once a student finishes his training he is sent out into his community to share the gospel with those around him. When a church reaches 25 regular attendees, they become eligible to receive funding (and often a team from the U.S.) to build a church building. The program is even beginning to send out missionary pastors into different countries, even the United States!



**Michael and Lindsey Kaspar**  
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Michael and Lindsey live in Georgia, with their 4 children (Hadassah, Judah, Oswin and Redmond), where Michael serves as a Global Ministry Network and Partnership Builder. In this role Michael works to connect missionaries and organizations that are serving Muslim populations around the world so that they can use their time and resources in the most efficient and effective way possible. Both Michael and Lindsey have always had a love of serving Muslims and have much experience with the language, culture and religion that are part of this mission field. Together in their role with Vision 5:9 they also have opportunities to travel to different mission conferences to engage with people who are considering missions to offer their support and knowledge of mission organizations and needs around the world.



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Radha and Samen work with Cambodian Christians both in the United States and in Cambodia. Through Missions Door Radha serves as the Cambodian Ministry Specialist and Coordinator. His primary role in this position is to produce material for training and developing church leaders. Once or twice a year Radha travels to Cambodia for several months to teach and train new leaders and pastors in several locations across the country. There is also an educational farm that is supported by CMC that helps people learn to raise animals for food and income. They also have an educational sewing program for women. Radha and Samen also work with a network of U.S. Cambodian churches to train leaders and support them; they have a conference each year where all of the Cambodian Churches in the Northwest gather to share, learn and encourage one another.



**Mike Lesly & Jeremy Najjar**  
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In 2016, the Najjars were called to go to the Middle East. They joined an organization with ample experience in the region, called Pioneers. They went to Jordan in 2017 and spent time learning Arabic; serving refugees (mostly Syrian) through a local church using English classes, food programs, soccer, and massage; and discipling converts to Christianity. They were in the process of starting a Latin American Cultural Center to help bring Latin missionaries from Pioneers and other missions organizations to Jordan, and to open opportunities to share the Gospel through language learning. But before it could be opened, they were deported from Jordan. No official reasons were given by the authorities, but we know it was because of sharing the Gospel with Jordanian non-Christians.

Now the Lord has opened up the door for them through Pioneers to start a new mobilization base in Egypt to send out Arabic speaking missionaries to plant churches in unreached areas. Mike is starting to serve as Associate Director of the base. Currently there are about two dozen candidates ready to be trained and evaluated. About half of them are Egyptians and the other half are from Sudan. There is a large population of Sudanese refugees in Egypt, and Pioneers has had a strong and growing ministry among them for many years. Most of them will serve in areas of Egypt or Sudan where there is little or no Christian influence, but others may be sent to other parts of the Middle East. Mike and Lesly have always had a strong vision to see developing countries send missionaries to other parts of the world, and this position will allow us to realize that goal sending out Arabs and potentially helping to help many Latin American missionaries from our organization to transition to ministry in Egypt and the Middle East.

Their platform in order to stay in the country will be to work a couple days a week as Language teachers at a language school that we are helping to set up with a local church in the city of Tanta (about 60 miles from Cairo). Lesly will continue to use massage therapy as a ministry tool to build friendships and they will be involved in relational ministry in their neighborhood and wherever the Lord opens opportunities. Jeremy will study at a Christian school for international students. For more information on Pioneers, please go to [www.pioneers.org](http://www.pioneers.org)

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Rigo and Claudia have been working in ministry since 2001 and are currently working to support and raise up leaders in church planting ministry in both Latin America and Spain. Rigo's current role through Missions Door is the Ministry Director for Central America and the Caribbean. Together Rigo and Claudia host marriage conferences throughout the year to support and strengthen the marriages of those who serve with them, since they feel that a strong marriage and family is vital to the success of any ministry. They also are involved with the educational campus of Finca Belen which serves poor and at risk youth; while at the school young men and women receive Biblical training as well as vocational training in welding, pottery or cosmetology.



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Lloyd and Nancy live and serve in the English speaking country of Belize. Lloyd's primary ministry focus is on planting churches, training local leaders and working with the national Conservative Baptist churches. Lloyd hosts trainings for leadership and church growth and also pastors churches in an interim capacity until a fulltime pastor can be found. They are very excited to have the opportunity to lead local, national Christians on mission trips to other English speaking populations throughout Central America. Nancy focuses on fellowship and discipleship with women, she loves taking time to talk, laugh and cry with the women in their church and community. They are thrilled to see such willingness and strong desire among the nationals to be missionaries to their communities and Central America.



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John and Estera Vatan are Romanian nationals who are serving in Romania, along with their two adult children, Donna and Johnny. As a family they focus on reaching youth and students in their community and around the country through evangelism and music. John teaches at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Bucharest and preaches at several local churches and upon invitation throughout the year at many different churches. Estera works to keep her family going strong and facilitates hospitality needs and meals at the Mountain View Retreat Center where they live. At the retreat center they host students, pastors and couples for marriage conferences, training and evangelism. Romanians in general are very open to the gospel and are hungry to hear what the Vatan's have to share. This freedom is also supported by the country's government which allows John to go into the public schools to share the gospel and for the family to hold public evangelical and musical events in various towns.



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