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Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. John 4:35 ESV

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New MGF Missionaries



Sanjay and Ramaniyata (Pinky) Anchan **PROJECT 166 - Touching Lives**

Sanjay and Ramaniyata (Pinky) Anchan come to MGF from 23 years with YWAM in India and in the USA. They now live in Las Vegas, NV with their children, Inara, Giana and Isaiah. Sanjay is assigned to Seek Jesus First Ministries as an Associate Pastor, where he works in missions training, discipleship, homeless ministry, refugee ministry and inter-church worship gatherings. Please pray for this ongoing ministry in a city that knows so little of the hope found only in Jesus Christ.



Eduardo Guevara **PROJECT 165 - Technicolor**

Eduardo Guevara is one of our newest missionaries. He and his wife, Yadira, are from Honduras. They and their daughter, Beth, live in Duluth, Georgia, where Eduardo is a Community Builder with Mosaic Community Builders, Inc, one of MGF's strategic partners in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Eduardo holds a Pastoral Certificate from, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts at, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has a heart for reaching all people, and especially works with Hispanic families, discipling them through the word of God.

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

John 4:34 ESV

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Abbi Yatir

PROJECT 163 - New Life

New to MGF as of July 2023, Abbi, a Pakistani immigrant since 2015, has been serving the Lord and receiving Biblical, pastoral, and business education in the US. During this time God showed Abbi his missionary calling. He is currently serving in his home church in Texas and reaching out to Pakistani and Indian preteens and youth, while working on his Masters' in Divinity at The King's University.

**For here the saying holds true,
'One sows and another reaps.'**

John 4:37 ESV



Charlotte Kumar

New Member; Awaiting Immigration Action

Charlotte Kumar was introduced to MGF by the leadership of one of our partner churches, First Baptist Church, Duluth, Georgia. Charlotte had worked as a ministry intern with FBC, Duluth while earning her Doctorate in Ministry from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. This experience led to her acceptance as a Disciple Making Coach with Global Frontier Missions, in Clarkston, GA, which was permitted under her student visa as continued professional training. United World Mission, in a cooperative effort, applied for an R-1 (religious worker) visa with the intention that Charlotte would continue her highly valued ministry after the expiration of her professional training period. Unfortunately, delay in processing her R-1 visa meant that Charlotte faced being out of legal status before USCIS (US Citizenship and Immigration Service, an office of the Department of Homeland Security) rendered a decision.

In scrupulous obedience to the laws, not availing herself of the customary governmental blind-eye to overstay for a certain period in such cases, Charlotte returned to India to await the decision on her R-1 petition. Upon receiving the R-1 approval, Charlotte, still adhering to the letter of somewhat draconian regulations, visited a US consulate in India to obtain travel documents to resume her employment in the US. SHE WAS DENIED! The reasoning of the embassy officials was that as a single woman, they didn't think that she would return to India when her R-1 VISA expired. This disappointing discretionary position was maintained, even though the fact that she was in India clearly showed her faithful commitment to obeying US residency regulations.

After hearing about her case from Mark Hearn, Senior Pastor at First Baptist, Duluth, MGF accepted an application from Charlotte and received several glowing recommendations from those she offered as references. After reviewing her documents and holding an international interview via video chat, the MGF Personnel Committee recommended her acceptance, and MGF is now pursuing a new R-1 visa on behalf of Charlotte. If we are successful in receiving the approval for work in the US, and convincing the consular authorities to provide the required travel documents, Charlotte will return to the US and her disciple making ministry among immigrants from various countries in the southeast US.

Please pray for this situation, and that God would overrule the decisions of government officials that obstruct servants of Jesus Christ, wherever they are and wherever they serve.





Tomás & Luisa Luis **PROJECT 138 - Armor of Light**

At 18 years old God opened Tomás's eyes to understand the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross for him and the great love of God. Tomás says "that from that day forward everything I do is for gratitude to God, for that great love that was manifested for my family and me." After his conversion, Tomás helped serve in his church's youth ministry until God paved the way for him to attend Calvary Chapel Bible College (CCBC) - Ensenada, Mexico, where he graduated with a diploma in Biblical Studies.

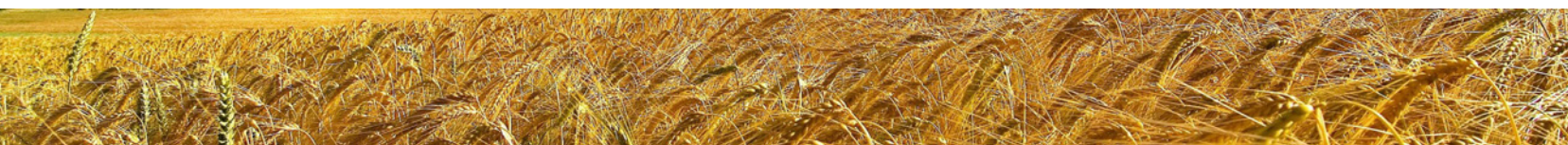
Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

John 4:36 ESV

As a teenager, Luisa felt that nobody cared about her, but at 15 years old, at a youth retreat, God showed her that she was important and that He had a plan for her life. At 18, God opened the door for her to go to CCBC - Ensenada, and she describes that it was there that her "relationship with God became real and stronger."

Tomás and Luisa are both Mexican Nationals and attended CCBC- Ensenada during the same time period: they met, they graduated, they married, and three beautiful children later have together served at CCBC—Ensenada for over a dozen years. Tomás served as Assistant Academic Director and taught classes, among other duties until, August of 2021, when he was appointed General Director of the school. This was a historic moment for the school whose founders had purposed over thirty years ago to have a Mexican National one day lead the school.

Tomás has dedicated staff that assist in carrying out the duties for the school, and many of them are also MGF missionaries. In addition to overseeing, Tomás also continues to teach classes, process the student applications, and mentor students. Luisa home-schools their daughters, and mentors' female students. They are also active in their home church; Tomás helps with pulpit teaching and also teaches CCBC extension courses at the church for those who are not able to attend the school full time. Tomás and Luisa show the incredible love in their hearts as they serve at CCBC, now known as Calvary Bible Institute—Mexico (CBI-MX) where a majority of the graduates go into Christian ministry.



Juanito Tay Appeal



MGF is what is called a faith mission. This means that each missionary is entrusted with the responsibility for raising the support for their missionary project. For the sake of equity between each project, the organization, does not, and cannot, take financial responsibility for the members individually. On the other hand, we are a fellowship, which is a spiritual relationship that ought to have practical expression. It is in pursuit of this aspect of our common life in Christ that I am taking the very unusual step of presenting the financial need of one of our members simply to invite your concern, which I hope will be manifest in prayer, but if God leads—and only if He leads—may also yield material relief.

Juanito and Minda Tay were part of MGF before I came in 2003. They had joined after serving with other mission agencies in other countries, and started a ministry to the Filipino community (Partners in Prayer) in the greater Portland, OR area. Minda passed into our Lord's presence in 2015, leaving JT and their adult daughter Johnelle who deals with certain mental health issues. Along with continuing to promote the ongoing work of the Filipino outreach, JT has supported the family with accounting work, but is now on dialysis for kidney failure. His small income from social security and a tiny pension is about \$1400/month, their rent is \$1800/month and although Johnelle is paid a little less than \$700 by the state to care for JT in his medical need, with a car payment—providing their only available transportation—of \$366/month, they are unable to make ends meet. Their savings are exhausted.



Because of his long missionary service JT is eligible to receive retirement compensation from donations to their missionary project, #81—Partners in Prayer.

Please pray that God would show each of us what is the appropriate role that He is calling each to. I care for JT and Johnelle, but especially, I want to see this work out to the glory of Jesus Christ.

In Him,

Jay



**I sent you to reap that for
which you did not labor.
Others have labored, and you
have entered into their labor.”**

John 4:38 ESV



2024 MGF Winter Conference

The MGF Family gathered again in February in the beautiful California desert for Fellowship, Worship, Refreshment, and Prayer. The Lord provided a Spirit of fellowship and brotherly love, which blessed new and old missionaries and Board members.



Eden Fair, Missionary Jennah Fair and Missionary Skyler Banthao hang out together.



Missionaries Heather Rix & Wendy Penner and Missionary General Director Jay Hyatt Lead Worship.

“To not be so busy doing things for Jesus that we miss Him in that service. Taking time to rest at his feet.”

Jake Fair – MGF Missionary



Missionary Care Director Jake Fair prays for missionaries Andrew & Reena Nathan.



Missionary General Director Jay Hyatt introduces new missionaries Vaibhav and Mukta Kapoor, and Neha Sharma.

The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

Psalm 23:1-3 NLT





Missionary Martha Chavez enjoys a time of painting.

And she (Martha) had a sister called Mary, who was also seated at the Lord's feet, and was listening to His word. But Martha was distracted with all her preparations;

Luke 10:39-40 NASB



The MGF Family gather together for meals.



Missionary Rebecca Prakash enjoying a meal with Missionaries Jim & Kari Slinker.

But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; but only one thing is necessary; for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:41-42 NASB



Missionary Yadira Guevara celebrates her daughter's second birthday.

Pray in the light of the word of God and give thanks to God for what He is doing in all of our lives.

Kenny Perumalla – Board Member





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This year Missionary Gospel Fellowship, MGF, celebrates 85 years of missionary work in North America with our 86th Annual Conference. The first conference in 1939 expanded the personal ministry of Paul Pietsch toward Dust Bowl immigrants in California into a concerted, corporate effort involving a number of Christian businessmen in Turlock, and a host of volunteers from churches up and down the Central Valley. None of the original board members or missionary workers are left, but the same Lord who called them into this ministry is still at work in the hearts of men and women, just as He was then. He still calls workers into His harvest fields, still calls people around them to support their work with prayer and sacrificial offerings, and still calls those who walk in darkness into the light.

Each of the past and present members of MGF is privileged to find a place of service to Jesus Christ. We are acutely aware that there can be no lasting fruit from our labors, unless He Himself is supernaturally involved in the work. By the gracious exercise of His power and wise direction we have hope that our limited efforts will yield eternal results. These efforts are our love-gifts to our beautiful Savior, and we long to hear Him say, "Well done." Until we receive that reward from Him we can only confess, "we are unprofitable servants, we only did what we were told to do." (Luke 17:10)

May you find joy in knowing and loving Jesus Christ, finding His grace sufficient for all your needs and His goodness a delight to your soul. May your own sacrificial efforts under the banner of His Love be eternal adornments to His Church, His Bride.

Alexander J. (Jay) Hyatt III, General Director

