Trinity Reformed Church Mission Partners

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AFRICA

Titus & Mary Baraka –*Uganda (Words of Hope)*
Titus works with Words of Hope to bring the gospel message to the country of Uganda. One of the primary ministries is the broadcast of Christian messages and the distribution of self-powered radios. Titus also works with education at a primary school in the region and holds many pastoral training opportunities and evangelistic endeavors. Trinity manages the sponsorship program for the school which includes 78 student sponsorships.

Chad & Dara Vanden Bosch – *Mozambique (RCA)*
Chad and Dara serve in partnership with Audio Scripture Ministries, distributing audio Bibles and also providing palliative care. At the heart of everything they do is sharing the gospel in the language of people's hearts. Through their work with New Harvest Farm, they teach resilient farming practices so farmers can better provide for their families.

Rowland & Jane Van Es –*Kenya (RCA)*
St. Paul's University in Limuru, Kenya, prepares men and women for ministry in the Christian church and in society. Founded as a divinity school, it recently expanded to become a Christian university that offers a business degree in addition to theological studies. Rowland, trained in economics and theology, teaches in both departments while Jane teaches sociology and psychology while assisting with the master's-level program in pastoral care and HIV/AIDS. Rowland and Jane served previously in Sierra Leone, Malawi, and the Gambia. They have two daughters, Jenna and Michelle.

Tara Woodward Bosman–*South Africa (RCA/CRC)*
Tara serves as a Missional Networker in South Africa, building bridges and matching churches between the African and North American continents. She facilitates and strengthens existing partnerships and theological networks in the Gauteng province, and also forges new partnerships, emphasizing creative initiatives like-but not limited to-preaching collaboratives, field education experiences, contextualized community development projects, and opportunities for young adults. Recognizing the significant emigration of South African young adults to other continents due to unemployment and political instability, Tara is also developing diverse diaspora networks that focus on mentorship, job skills, and practice-based urban workplace theologies, contributing to the vibrant and diverse ministry context of South Africa.

ASIA

Nathan & Nozomi Brownell –*Japan (RCA)*
The Brownells live in Yokohama, Japan, and are serving youth and children in the area in partnership with Nihon Kirisuto Kyodan. Nathan teaches at an RCA-founded school, Nozomi recruits and trains volunteers for Children and Worship, and they both work at the Green House. In a culture where adolescence can bring unbearable stress, their ministry is critical in creating Christ-centered environments of acceptance, forgiveness, and hope.

Kist-Okazaki, Abraham & Sayuri –*Japan (RCA)*
Abraham and Sayuri Kist-Okazaki are ordained RCA pastors who work together in evangelistic training for congregations of the United Church of Christ in Japan. They teach churches how to incorporate contemporary music and "seeker-friendly" elements into their worship services so they can more

effectively reach non-Christians, who make up 99 percent of Japan's population. Sayuri, who was born in Tokyo, and Abraham, who was born in Milwaukee, met in 1987 in a summer Greek class at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. They have two children: a son, Akio, & a daughter, Haruka.

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EUROPE

Felipe & Janelle De Waard-Silva – *Romania (RCA)*
Felipe and Janelle work with Roma youth and focus on gospel-centered community development models and ministries. They began with the Fara Limite Climbing Gym to reach out to local youth and families and help them develop character, respect, employable skills, and a heart for Christ. Anchor Church grew out of these relationships and now serves as the foundation for the youth, discipleship, and adult ministries.

Dave & Jody Nonnemacher – *Romania (New Horizons foundation)*
Dave works with this ministry that focuses on gospel-centered community development models and ministries. One of the key tools is the IMPACT clubs that have been started in numerous places. He's also developed a partnership with New Vision Renewable Energy that works with marginalized communities in the Appalachian region. By people and organizations, solar lights were built and delivered to the people of Ukraine.

Pav & Meg Vasileiadou – *Greece (Commission to Every Nation)*
Meg and Pav's life mission is *Growing in the knowledge of God's Living Word, while helping others do the same.* Since 2011, they have worked towards this goal by serving the Greek Bible College, planting a church in downtown Athens, and spending time living on the Greek island of Lesvos—a location deeply impacted by waves of refugee populations. Their work currently includes localizing (translating and contextualizing) and promoting video libraries of Bible study resources from English into Greek, meeting technical and software development needs, and inviting others to join in studying scripture.

INDIA

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LATIN AMERICA

Phil & Olivia Iekel –*Nicaragua (RCA--Engineering Ministries International)*
Phil serves as the Office Director for Engineering Ministries International (EMI) in Managua, and along with Olivia, leads the office to grow EMI's vision for ministry. They embrace the values of design, discipleship, and diversity as they offer professional design expertise to communities, churches, and Christian ministries across Latin America for development and building projects where resources are otherwise limited. EMI desires to see people restored by God and the world restored through design.

Nicole Opgenorth – *Nicaragua (RCA)*
Nicole serves with Tesoros de Dios (God's Treasures), a partner of RCA Global Mission, that comes alongside those with intellectual and/or physical disabilities. She amplifies the voices of those on the margins and fosters relationships with Tesoros de Dios's beneficiaries and their families. Nicole listens to their stories of how disabilities have changed their lives and how God continues to provide for them. In

turn, she shares with supporters how their gifts empower people with disabilities and their families to reach their full potential. Nicole also serves as a cultural and language translator for groups visiting Tesoros de Dios.

Chuck & Jean Van Engen – *Latin America (RCA--Latin American Christian Ministries)* Chuck and Jean have spent a lifetime working to train pastors, leaders, and scholars in Latin America. Thanks to their tireless work and partnership with others, Latin American Christian Ministries (LACM) will be completely nationalizing the Doctoral Program in Theology to be supported, administered, and developed further by two Latin American institutions. This is significant as nationalization of global mission programs is often talked about but seldom achieved in global missions. Because these two institutions are now able to offer accredited PhD programs in Theology, the baton of leadership of the Latin American Doctoral Program in Theology has been passed to them (Evangelical University of Paraguay (UEP) and the Evangelical University of the Americas (UNELA) in Costa Rica) and the LACM nonprofit dissolved as of June 30, 2025. The Van Engens are grateful for the financial and prayer support through the years.

NORTH AMERICA

Chris & Ren Briggs – *Jamaica (RCA--Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf)*
Chris and Ren Briggs work in the Jamaica Deaf Village where they partner with the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf (CCCD). With a mix of coordinating church and collegiate mission trips, engaging the Deaf community in the village, and managing and developing the textile business for CCCD, Chris's ministry is diverse, but it's all centered around engaging, equipping, and empowering the Deaf community to be all that God created them to be.

Barry & Terryl Bruce –*USA (RCA--Way Out Ministries)*
Barry and Terryl Bruce founded The Way Out Ministries in 1984. The Way Out Ministries is devoted to Jesus Christ and His calling to serve people in the inner city, both in America and abroad. Through ministries in California, Texas, and the Philippines, the ministry is committed to reaching people spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally, in both deed and in truth. From community outreach and practical resources for families in need to discipleship, The Gathering Church, recovery programs, youth and children's ministry, and international missions, they seek to share the love of Christ through meaningful relationships and hands-on service. Terryl is the principal of The Way Out Ministries Christian Academy, a private mission school for low-income junior and senior high school students. Barry is pastor of a church in the community that was planted by The Way Out Ministries in 2003. They have three children, Ryan, Rachel, and Michelle, all of whom are actively involved in ministry.

Rob & Kristi Dillingham –*USA (Child Evangelism Fellowship)*
The Dillingham's work with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) in Alaska. As a family, they are training teens to work with children to help them learn and grow in the gospel. They also serve as coaches for a weekly Good News Club in a nearby town. Rob has also developed and worked with a database for the overall workings of the ministry.

Grace Covenant Ministries – *USA (RCA)*
Mission work in Jackson County, Kentucky was started by the Reformed Church Women Domestic Mission Board in 1909 with the founding of the Annville Institute. When the boarding school closed in 1978, the campus became home to Jackson County Ministries, now called Grace Covenant Ministries (GCM). The ministry serves a region that is statistically considered one of the poorest in the United States, with the lowest life expectancy. GCM strives to make a difference by sharing the love of Jesus, one opportunity at a time. This is done through a community fitness center, youth outreach (day

camps and sports leagues), thrift stores, home repair, and veteran outreach. Tommy Miracle serves as Manager of Campus Operations. Visit www.annvilleinstitute.com to learn more.

Jennifer Lucking –*Canada (RCA--Restorations Second Stage Homes)*
Jennifer is the Coordinator for Human Trafficking Outreach for the RCA. She will both come alongside people suffering in this area and also work with organizations and groups to help alleviate the exploitation of people. Jennifer started the "Restorations Second Stage Homes" to help women transition out of the sex-trade industry and now works for this organization that is supported by the RCA.

JeanJean & Kristie Mompremier – *Haiti (United Christians International)*
Their vision is to plant New Testament churches that will develop and unleash Haitian leaders who will then plant and develop additional churches, ministries and leaders. Most of their leadership training is in the context of church planting. Also crucial to UCI is the development of educational opportunities through primary and secondary schools and a university for the children, youth and adults in Haiti who struggle with enough affordable, quality education. Physical needs are also ministered to through the implementing of nutrition centers and by activities such as putting cement floors in homes.

GLOBAL

JJ Ten Clay – *Global and Local (RCA--Refugee Ministry)*
JJ is the Refugee Ministries Coordinator for RCA Global Mission. She educates and empowers RCA congregations to respond to the refugee crisis locally and globally. She also works with congregations to assist in their efforts to come alongside refugees in their communities. Her goal is to raise awareness and advocate with congregations, missionaries, and partners around the world to help alleviate the refugee crisis.

Words of Hope – *Global Ministry*
The mission of Words of Hope is to provide people both near and far with daily access to God's Word. Because they believe that daily prayer and Bible reading will change lives, they provide free daily devotional resources to help people to stay connected to God's truth. They work in communities around the world to share the good news of Jesus, particularly with people who may have never heard the truths of the gospel in their own language before. Words of Hope partners with emerging Christian leaders around the world and are invested in building up local leadership for a sustainable future.