



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

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“THAT THE NEXT GENERATION MIGHT KNOW”

Christ Covenant Church welcomes supported workers from across the globe who are here with us today! Join us in welcoming and in praying for each of these supported workers. You will see their pictures and some brief information about them below.

VICTOR AND NOSIZO NAKAH



Dr. Victor Nakah is an ordained Presbyterian minister and the International Director for Sub-Saharan Africa with Mission to the World (MTW), the mission-sending agency of the Presbyterian Church of America. Victor and his wife, Nosizo, who are native to Zimbabwe, represent MTW's growing emphasis on national leadership.

The Nakahs are products of the Christian student ministry movement. They were students who were richly impacted by the ministries of Scripture Union and the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES). Victor later served with both organizations before joining the pastoral team at City Presbyterian church in Bulawayo and later as the seminary president of the Theological College of Zimbabwe from 2000-2010. During that time, he earned a Master's degree in Systematic Theology from the University of South Africa and a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Stellenbosch University. Nosizo received a Master's degree in Information Science at the same time.

In addition to his primary ministry responsibilities with MTW, Victor is the co-chair of the Lausanne Movement Theology Working Group, supervises Master's and Ph.d. students with the South Africa Theological Seminary (SATS), and teaches a course every year at the Africa Reformation Theological Seminary (ARTS) in Uganda.



DAVID

David serves in a restricted area and is President of a Reformed Theological Seminary and teaches at five different seminaries in the country where he serves the Lord. Additionally, he preaches and teaches every Sunday and helps to provide pastoral conflict counseling to local pastors. Please pray for his ministry efforts, as the country where he serves is experiencing ramped up persecutions, and all of the churches where David serves have been persecuted.

STEFFEN MUELLER



Steffen Mueller serves as the church planter and pastor of Gospel Church Munich. He grew up in Germany and earned his M.Div. at Reformed Theological Seminary in the United States. After serving as a pastor here at Christ Covenant Church, he returned home to Germany to plant Gospel Church Munich in 2012. Munich is a major city in Western Europe, where atheism is particularly strong. Less than 0.25% of the population are born-again Christians. By God's grace Gospel Church Munich sees a lot of 18-year-olds to mid-30-somethings come to their worship services, and God has saved many of them. To God be the glory!



TIM AND BARBIE

Tim and Barbie serve in a restricted area and have been working to translate the Bible into the Makori* language and are currently working in the book of Genesis as they begin the Old Testament translation. The New Testament is complete! Their main goal is to see a Makori* church effectively using its own Bible translation. Barbie helps manage a women's literacy program and wants to begin producing audio-visual materials suitable for Facebook or WhatsApp distribution. Although a few scattered Makori* are Christians, only one church meets in the Makori* language, with four people attending. A thousand years of Islam make the people resistant to the teachings of the Bible. (Please note * is for the name changed to protect ministry efforts.)



JULIA SKIPPER

Julia Skipper is a Nurse Manager at Queen City Pregnancy Resource Center here in Charlotte. Julia moved to Charlotte from the Blowing Rock area about 13 years ago and has been married to her amazing husband, Josh, for the past five and a half years. Julia has worked at QCPRC since they opened their doors in 2022. The QCPRC is a ministry to women facing unplanned pregnancies, which partners with the local church to serve her family, save her child, and share the gospel. QCPRC is strategically located near the city's three abortion clinics.



JEFF VILJOEN

Jeff Viljoen is the Campus Outreach Director in South Africa. Jeff oversees and directs Campus Outreach ministry, leading 31 staff through the Team Directors. While 76% of South Africans statistically align as Christian, only 19% of that number are evangelical Christians, leading to a lot of syncretism. Most of the students they engage with have heard about Jesus, but their syncretistic version combines Jesus with their African beliefs. The challenge is in clarifying the gospel in light of their worldview by presenting them with the Jesus of the Bible.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTED WORKERS VISITING CHRIST COVENANT

We hope many of you were able to attend Coffee and Conversations with our Supported Workers yesterday, Saturday, March 2. If not, we hope you will have the opportunity to meet and welcome the additional supported workers who are with us this morning and are listed below.



LOWELL IVEY

Lowell Ivey was set free in prison while serving a 17 year sentence for armed robbery. He was released on parole in 2009. After graduating from Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 2015, Lowell served a yearlong internship at Covenant Community Church (OPC) in Taylors, South Carolina. He was called and ordained as a church planter in 2016 to Reformation Presbyterian Church (OPC) in Virginia Beach, Virginia. In 2024, Lowell, sensed the Lord calling him to serve the church on both sides of the prison walls as Director of Metanoia Prison Ministries. Lowell longs to see the church growing in faithfulness to its calling to bring Christ to the prisoner and the prisoner to Christ. Lowell and his wife, Mae, have five children and are expecting their sixth in August 2024.



BEN KAPPERS

Ben Kappers is a church planter in St. George, Utah. The mission of his church, All Saints Reformed Church, is to establish an orthodox, reformed, and evangelical church in the spiritual desert of southwest Utah. Only 2% of the 200,000+ people in this area are Christians. 65-70% of the local population is Mormon (LDS), while another 20-25% has no religious affiliation. Southwest Utah is regularly ranked as the fastest growing region in the United States. Ben and his wife, Melanie, have six children.



FRANK & SHEREE

Frank and Sheree are restricted workers who do ministry in the Arabic speaking world, equipping leaders and pastors to plant and grow churches in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). They do this by partnering with Arab believers to facilitate local training and teaching. Frank directs a MENA regional seminary that provides biblical and pastoral teaching to support local churches in the region. Sheree leads the Christian preschool in the low-income part of their city to prepare the children for school and create in them a lifelong love of learning.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: FAITH PROMISE

Faith Promise is the primary means by which Christ Covenant financially supports international and domestic supported workers and church planters. Through Faith Promise, God blesses those who are supported, those whose prayers he answers by providing unexpected resources, and those who hear how God demonstrates his power to provide in beautiful ways, year after year. Ultimately those who are blessed the most are those who hear the good news and whose lives are changed for an eternity!

On Sunday, March 3, we will have a special time during our morning worship service to offer our Faith Promise commitment cards with our pledges and pray that God will provide for the ministry partners we are supporting in 2024. What might God supply through you to help empower our supported workers and church planters across the globe this year as they share Christ across the world?

Faith Promise cards can be found at the tables in the worship center as you go into the sanctuary. You can also give your pledge online at <https://christcovenant.org/faith-promise-commitment-card-online/>.