

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► Contact information: If you need to contact the **Global Ministries office** for information regarding missionaries available for speaking, to check addresses, etc., please use the ecglobal@eccenter.com email from this point forward, along with the EC Church Center general number, **717-866-7581**.

► We officially welcome our newest staff member to the Global Ministries office, **Denise “Dee” Jaramillo**. Dee has most recently worked as the Team Administrator and Transaction Coordinator for a large real estate firm in York, PA. She is a PA native and following her service in the US Army, lived in Fort Worth, TX for a number of years, returning to the Lancaster County area in late 2017. She has served in administration and consulting in private Christian schools and local churches. Her son, Alejandro (AJ), and his wife, Alba, are both active-duty Marines stationed in North Carolina. She is a member of Community EC, Sinking Springs, where she serves on the worship team, the Division of Worship, and leads the Women’s Mentoring Ministry – REAL. We look forward to experiencing how the Lord will use her gifts and graces for the next chapter of life and ministry in the EC Church and the Global Ministries Community.



► **We continue to give praise** that, while a number of our missionaries and international church leaders have contracted COVID-19, none have had serious symptoms or lasting side effects. Please continue to cover all of them in prayer, as for many, there are no decent medical facilities nearby to help them.

► **New 2021 Missions Directories** will be available shortly. Please contact Church Center if you would like one emailed to you, either as a PDF or in Word format. If you need a print copy, one will be mailed to you. *We do not put this on our website since some of our missionaries work in restricted access countries or assist those who do so.* Thank you for your understanding.

► **Looking ahead – the VBS project** for this year is to raise funds for **Nepal**. The land where the denominational headquarters is built also houses the orphanage property and a church. If the land next door is sold to a private owner or a business, they would have the right to object to the services and training done at the headquarters. Since Christianity is barely tolerated in this Hindu kingdom, things could be made very difficult for our churches there. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 towards the estimated purchase price of \$30,000. Please pray about this and see if your church, youth group or MMK group would like to help. More information will be forthcoming in the next few months.

► **Please pray** for our missionaries who are beginning to travel back to the field following brief visits home in the States in December and January. Travel is still a little tricky with newly instituted COVID-19 testing requirements prior to travel allowance for some airlines and some layover countries still closed to international travel. Pray for smooth travel itineraries and patience during last minute changes.



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EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE

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Rev. Gene Stevenson

Academic Dean – Indian Bible College, Flagstaff, AZ

Biblical, Relational, Transformational – foundational goals for Indian Bible College (IBC) in Flagstaff, AZ – and home to **Rev. Gene Stevenson**, its Academic Dean.

Founded in 1958, Indian Bible College is located in north-central Arizona, close to the largest Native American reservation in the United States. Over the course of its history, the school has seen over 120 graduates of the school, many of whom are still faithfully serving the Lord.

IBC exists to disciple and educate indigenous Native Christians for lifetimes of biblical ministry and spiritual leadership to their people and the world. The college provides the necessary training for accurate interpretation of God’s Word so that students develop a BIBLICAL worldview and lifestyle; facilitates biblical development and maintenance of RELATIONAL lifestyles and ministries through intentionally modeling, mentoring, and training students with grace and truth; and strives to cultivate TRANSFORMATIONAL change in the lives of students through the internalization of biblical and relational principles.

IBC is unique in that it has as its central mission the training of Native Americans for Christian Leadership. This uniqueness is shown in the sensitivity of the staff in understanding the distinctive needs of Native students. The goal is “a high standard with a unique application of grace” - adjusting to the wide range of experience and cultural uniqueness of its students. While this can be a challenge, the centrality of Christ as the unifier of all cultures in the church makes this an endeavor well worth the effort.

Gene Stevenson serves as the college’s academic dean. A graduate of Millersville University and Evangelical Seminary, Gene and his wife, Bethanie (Beth), along with their three children, Aria, age 14, Noah, 10, and Lily, 9, have called Arizona home since 2018.

Gene’s responsibilities include supervising the Academic Department (registrar, faculty and library staff); working with the President and other administrative staff to implement and improve the IBC curriculum; working with the Student Life Department regarding enrollment, registration, student behavioral issues; leading chapel services multiple times a semester; writing and compiling material for accreditation; and teaching at least one course per semester.

Would you consider financial partnership with Gene? IBC staff raise their own support to keep costs low enough to enable students to graduate debt free. Gene, IBC’s newer Academic Dean is very important to the growth of Indian Bible College! Your financial commitment will help facilitate IBC’s training of Native Americans for indigenous church ministry and further the message of Jesus Christ in our world.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Continued prayer for safety for students and staff from contracting the COVID virus, and for the health and well-being for those that suffered from it these past few months.
- Prayer for wisdom for IBC’s leadership as they continue to juggle details on providing instruction in the midst of the pandemic.

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-Dee Jaramillo



FACILITATING MISSION WORKERS
EMPOWERING NATIONAL CHURCHES
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Pray for Rev. Juan Zuñiga , Superintendent of the EC Church of Latin America	2 Pray for David & Conce Roof as they serve in Belem, Brazil with One Mission Society	3 Chaplain Noel Blancaflor – proudly serving in the United States Air Force	4 Pray for Rev. Th. Janga , the director of the EC Church of Nepal – for safety and health as he trains pastors & leaders	5 Pray for Ed & Valerie Schubert as they continue to serve and minister to the children at Casa de Luz and the many Honduran families and community	6 Pray for Rev. Nobuo Abe , Chairman of the EC Church of Japan – health, safety and vision for all those entrusted to his care
7 Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – serving the Binandere people of Papua New Guinea through Bible translation	8 Pray for our Global Ministries Associate, Rev. Ted Rathman , and the Global Ministries Community members	9 Rev. Gene Stevenson – Academic Dean at Indian Bible College, Flagstaff, AZ	10 Pray for the EC Church of Latin America as they struggle to recover from the devastating effects of Covid 19	11 Brian & Missy Wagner – with African Inland Mission, serving at the Rift Valley Academy in Keyna, Africa	12 Prayer for the newly established Member Care Team – wisdom for the roll out of this important function of GMC in caring for our missionaries	13 Pray for Robert & Bettina Schaeffer as they continue ministry in NYC to men and women coming out of homosexuality
14 Cassie Wells – serving with Disciple Makers at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, PA	15 Pray for Rev. Paozathang Singson , General Director of the EC Church of India	16 🍷 – <i>Jessica Abe</i> + Pray for BJ & Rachel Whitaker and their continued ministry planting churches in Alcora, Spain	17 Ash Wednesday – Pray for reflection, repentance, and renewal birthed in the hearts of believers as we enter the Lenten season	18 Dr. Kathryn (Kitty) Miller – retired missionary	19 Ken Sears – serving at Zaporozhye, Ukraine, Bible College. For the health and spiritual growth of the students and continued freedom to preach the gospel in Ukraine	20 Pray for Rev. Abraham Powell , bishop of the EC Church of Liberia – for the church as they continue to teach literacy to their people using the Bible
21 Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – serving at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, Africa with Africa Inland Mission	22 Jim & Janet Stahl – online storytelling training with groups around the world	23 Gloria Smethers – serving residents at the AIM Retirement Center in Menneola, FL	24 Dan & MaryLynne Wills – serving at JAARS Center in NC, helping Wycliffe missionary families	25 Pray for Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate , principal of Evangelical College of Theology in Manipur, India	26 Joseph & Wendy Toy – serving in Evangelism and Evangelism Training with Open Air Ministries in the greater Philadelphia area	27 🍷 – <i>Roy Haglund</i> * – <i>Jonathan Wilson</i> Rev. Donald Kunkel – retired missionary
28 Prayer for our missionaries and their families for good health, provision, and blessings	*DENOTES RETIREE + DENOTES CANDIDATE					

ANNIVERSARIES
February 6 – Rev. Dan & Melinda Moury
March 8 – David and Conce Roof

BIRTHDAYS
March 6 – Rev. David Dick *
March 9 – Joan Farr *
March 13 – Rev. Ron Anderson