Greeting of Grace and Peace,

We are delighted to have you as faithful partners of Global Ministries. This gift calendar is our way of connecting you to the work we do around the world. We hope the stories, photos, and prayer requests inspire you in creative ways to grow in your relationship with Global Ministries and our partners around the world. They have so much to share with us!

Join Global Ministries as we seek to embody these five core values in all our growing global relationships and mission:
- **Presence** - Manifesting God's love by living in intentional, committed relationships.
- **Mutuality** - Walking in hope with others in God's mission.
- **Community** - Building interdependence and unity among all of God's children.
- **Justice** - Living out God's radical love by confronting powers that deny the fullness of life and the integrity of creation.
- **Peace** - Embodying reconciling relationships with God, humanity and creation.

Thank you for your faith-filled commitment to Global Ministries.

**How to use this calendar...**

Each week, this calendar features missionaries to keep in your prayers. Consider including these missionaries in your personal prayers as well as in the prayers of your church. In addition, you can find a Weekly Prayer from Global Ministries on the homepage of the website, www.globalministries.org.

**A total of 106 missionaries served in 40 countries in 2012, which included:**
- 46 fully-supported missionaries
- 9 Global Mission Interns (young adults)
- 14 long-term volunteers
- 37 associates
- 23 short-term volunteers

**Front Cover:**
Armenia

Since its independence in 1991, Armenia has suffered from an earthquake, war, an economic blockade, unemployment, inflation, and shortages of electricity and water. One result of these calamities is a large population of impoverished children. Global Ministries Child Sponsorship program supports children through the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA). Global Ministries child sponsors, with their monthly gifts to Global Ministries, provide them with food, clothing, personal hygiene and health items, fuel in winter, medical care, and school supplies. The children's spiritual life is nurtured by holiday programs, vacation Bible schools, and summer camps. One child wrote to her Global Ministries child sponsor: "I am glad that I again write you a letter as through it I communicate with you and draw your kind face in my soul." Together, Global Ministries, AMAA, and child sponsors are an intentional presence in the lives and care of children in Armenia.

**Cover photo:** Gabrielle Worley
### December 2013

**Pray for**

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- **World AIDS Day**
- **Human Rights Day**
- **Christmas Day**
- **First Day of Kwanzaa**
- **Boxing Day (Canada)**
- **New Year's Eve**
- **Watch Night**
- **Winter Solstice**

**MISSION PERSONNEL**

- **Loren McGrail**
  - Israel/Palestine
- **Xuyen Dangers**
  - Laos
- **Diane and Tim Fonderlin**
  - Haiti
- **Susan Valiquette and Scott Couper**
  - South Africa
- **Elena Huegel**
  - Chile

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**www.globalministries.org**

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Democratic Republic of the Congo

Committed to developing and nurturing partnerships of mutuality and care, Global Ministries is focusing attention on the Democratic Republic of Congo for 2014 through The Congo Initiative. In 2011, both the UCC General Synod and Disciples General Assembly approved resolutions calling for reflection, education and advocacy on behalf of the people of the Congo. Over the past decade, approximately 6 million people have been killed in ongoing conflict and war for control of the Congo’s vast mineral resources. As people who use cell phones and computers, we benefit from these mineral resources, but the conflict over them causes so much death and misery. We have a long history of engagement in the Congo and today, through Global Ministries, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ continue this legacy through connections and relationships. With a history and engagement in the Congo since 1899, we cannot ignore our calling to walk in solidarity with sisters and brothers there.
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**Pray for**

**MISSION PERSONNEL**

- Lindsey Mercer
  - Mexico

- Ben Ewert
  - Thailand

- Nichole Betteridge
  - Laos

- Loletta Barrett
  - Namibia

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**Engage in the Global Ministries Congo Initiative** through Bible study, education, advocacy, and worship designed to help experience God and faith in new and challenging ways. Learn more at: [www.globalministries.org/congo-initiative/](http://www.globalministries.org/congo-initiative/)
Philippines

When a powerful typhoon made landfall on Mindanao, Philippines, it had overwhelming humanitarian consequences. Through One Great Hour of Sharing and Week of Compassion, funds were sent for immediate relief efforts. Although many of their churches were damaged, Global Ministries partner, the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP), provided water, food, medicine, clothing, and shelter in their churches. As relief efforts continued, youth from UCCP churches formed volunteer groups to clean and rebuild homes in their communities. Global Ministries’ long-standing partnerships in countries like the Philippines make possible immediate response and long-term care following disasters.
February 2014

Pray for

MISSION PERSONNEL
Gabrielle Worley
Armenia

MISSION PERSONNEL
Ashley Holst
Dominican Republic

MISSION PERSONNEL
Gloria Vicente
Guatemala

MISSIONPERSONNEL
Jayanthi and
Jim Wilson
Botswana

www.globalministries.org

Disciples Week of Compassion and UCC One Great Hour of Sharing support many of Global Ministries partners and projects around the world. Learn ways to promote these important annual offerings at your church at www.globalministries.org.
Syria

For the past three years, the people of Syria have experienced the tragic impacts of a devastating civil war. Over one third of the population has been displaced or made refugees in neighboring countries, including Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt and Armenia. Global Ministries supports the work of partners in Syria and the Middle East to respond to humanitarian needs, and our support builds on years and decades of relationships with regional partners. Together, we work for peace and reconciliation.
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Magyolene Rodriguez
Nicaragua

**MISSION PERSONNEL**
Judy Chan
Hong Kong

**MISSION PERSONNEL**
Susan Valiquette and Scott Couper
South Africa

**MISSION PERSONNEL**
Mary Jane and Don Westra
Honduras

**MISSION PERSONNEL**
Teresa and Anil Henry
India

Be a Global Mission Church! Whether your congregation is just getting started or growing in mission, the Global Mission Church initiative offers steps to energize your church about mission. Go to www.globalministries.org to learn more.

[www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)
Nicaragua

The Christian Mission Church of Nicaragua (La Misión Cristiana) is a church committed to promoting social justice in the communities it serves in and around Managua. Working in relationships with other churches and organizations, including Global Ministries, their vision is to encourage and support social transformation, incarnating the gospel as good news for the most vulnerable of society: the sick, women, children, and people excluded from socio-economic systems. Projects of La Misión Cristiana include a dairy farm, hospitality center, food security programs, ministerial formation, environmental education, and after-school and preschool programs for children. In partnership with Global Ministries, La Misión Cristiana serves the people and churches in Managua communities.
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  - Carmelo Alvarez
  - Venezuela

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  - Daniel Lee
  - South Korea

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  - Diane and Tim Fonderlin
  - Haiti

- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Xuyen Dangers
  - Laos

**First Night of Passover**

**Earth Day**

**Armenian Martyrs’ Day**

**Administrative Professionals’ Day**

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Global Ministries mission personnel do not work alone, but alongside partner churches and organizations worldwide. To learn more about how you can support Global Ministries missionaries and partners, contact the Global Ministries Mission Personnel office at dom@disicples.org or 317-713-2567.
Bangladesh

In Bangladesh, economic challenges are significant, unemployment is high and people are exploited and oppressed, especially women. The Church of Bangladesh is a long-standing partner of Global Ministries providing spiritual and moral leadership and working to provide education, health care and other basic human needs. The Indorkani Community Development Project, a program of the Church of Bangladesh, incorporates a holistic approach that provides the education, support, and mentoring necessary to promote self-reliant communities and individuals. The program provides training to both women and men on concerns of gender equality and development related to justice issues like dowry, violence against women, trafficking in women and children, early marriage, and divorce. A primary focus is on the empowerment of women and increasing their ability to defend their rights.
May  2014

Pray for

MISSION PERSONNEL
Rosalind Gnatt
Germany

MISSION PERSONNEL
Rebecca & Scott
Hardin-Neiri
Costa Rica

MISSION PERSONNEL
Mark Behle
Lesotho

MISSION PERSONNEL
Loren McGrail
Israel/Palestine

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Want to direct your gift to a special need such as education and empowerment of women? Special giving opportunities abound! Visit the website at www.globalministries.org/give or contact the Resource Development office at gifts@dom.disciples.org or 317-713-2555.
Botswana

The Tsholofelong Recovery Program for Street Children of the Botswana Council of Churches was established out of concern for children who live, eat, sleep, and, unfortunately, die on the streets of Gaborone. Socio-economic factors and the HIV/AIDS pandemic have left many children and youth drifting aimlessly in the urban areas, vulnerable to malnutrition, deprivation, teenage pregnancy, juvenile delinquency, suicide attempts, substance abuse, and crime. A Global Ministries special project, the Tsholofelong Program guides children to fulfill their potential by employing a model where youth and children participate in their own educational goals. Along with Global Ministries and the local community, the Tsholofelong Program aims at accompanying children and youth, safeguarding them from the violence and poverty of the streets and giving them love, education, and a future of hope.
June 2014

Pray for

MISSION PERSONNEL
Jeffrey Mensendiek
Japan

MISSION PERSONNEL
Scott Nicholson
Mexico

MISSION PERSONNEL
Phyllis Byrd
Kenya

MISSION PERSONNEL
Laura Jean Torgerson and Tim Donaghy
Nicaragua

MISSION PERSONNEL
Matthew Fehse
Philippines

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Open your heart to a child at risk by sponsoring a child through Global Ministries. Contact the Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program for more information at wcm@ucc.org or toll-free 866-822-8224 ext. 3222.
China

The Amity Foundation, a Global Ministries partner, promotes development through the direct participation of community members. Amity was founded in 1985 as an independent Chinese volunteer organization to encourage education, health, rural development, and social services within China. Based on the initiative of Chinese Christians, Amity strives to benefit people and build friendships, both within China and abroad, based on mutual respect and peace. A friendly game of tug-of-war provided a break when the Amity Foundation worked with farmers in rural Gansu province to plant crops resistant to drought in an area experiencing rapid desertification. Including the farmers in each stage of such projects has fostered a sense of ownership and self-confidence within the community. Through education, environmental protection, and improved agricultural practices the Amity Foundation and Global Ministries are changing lives and building community.
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**Pray for**

- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Kahala Cannon
    - India
  - Alison Stendahl
    - Turkey
  - Nico Tapaeko
    - Fiji

- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Diane and Terry Hutter
    - Swaziland

**Other Dates**

- Canada Day
- Independence Day
- July 25-29
- ‘Id al-Fitr (Ramadan ends)
- Disciples Quadrennial Assembly
- July 25-29

**Website**

[www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)

Want to learn more about hope and community around the world? Go to [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org) for weekly prayers, news, and monthly bulletin inserts in English and Spanish.
Dominican Republic

Caminante, meaning “One Who Walks the Path,” is a grassroots organization made up of people who have firsthand knowledge of the struggles that face children and teens in the community of Boca Chica, Dominican Republic. Caminante, a Global Ministries partner, provides a safe space where hundreds of youth and their families receive counseling and participate in recreational and educational programs. Caminante works closely with families, churches, and the community to raise awareness of sexual abuse and exploitation and to provide services to victims and families. The youth know that when they need help or just a safe refuge to relax, Caminante’s door is always open to them. Global Ministries missionary Ashley Holst describes her work with Caminante as “seeing the potential good in all God’s people and treating them with love and justice.”
## Mission Personnel

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### Pray for

- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Bruce Van Voorhis
  - Hong Kong
  
  - Amy Lester
  - Hungary

### Events

- **August 6**: Hiroshima Day

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What in the world can you do? Global Ministries offers weekly ideas for engaging in justice and advocacy around the world in the weekly email update. Sign up at [www.globalministries.org/signup](http://www.globalministries.org/signup)
Turkey

In 1991, church parishes in Istanbul, Turkey began coordinated efforts to serve the growing population of refugees from the First Gulf War. Hearing the continuing call to minister to the needs of economic immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees living in Turkey, these parishes have sustained and further developed this ecumenical program over the last twenty years. Today, Global Ministries partner, the Istanbul Interparish Migrant Program (IIMP), focuses on the most marginalized groups of immigrants and provides services including food, clothing, referral to health care, counseling, education opportunities, and emergency shelter. As the population of refugees in Turkey has more than doubled with the influx of those fleeing the conflict in Syria, Global Ministries and the IIMP remain committed to being present in the lives of refugees in Turkey.
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**Pray for**

- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Sara and Victor Makari
  - Ariel Royer
  - Eleazar Fernandez
  - Barbara and Zoltan Szucs

**September 2014**

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Whether you have two weeks, two months or two years, you can volunteer to work overseas with Global Ministries. Contact the Mission Personnel Office at dom@disciples.org or phone 317-713-2567.
Japan

Following the devastating earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear reactor explosion disaster of March 2011, Global Ministries partner the United Church of Christ in Japan (UCCJ) has worked to address ongoing concerns related to nuclear radiation and its effects on food products and the daily lives of those living in Fukushima and the surrounding areas. A project of the UCCJ, the Aizu Radiation Information Center, located 70 miles from the reactors, is a church-based agency that monitors the level of radiation in the soil and food. The Center also organizes community gatherings for families to share information and plans short retreats called “Fresh Air Camps” for children of Fukushima to escape the highly radiated environment. With support from the UCCJ and Global Ministries, the Fresh Air Camps provide quality time for children to play outdoors and be healed by renewed relationships.
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- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Michael Joseph
    - Colombia
  - Adam Royston
    - Thailand
  - Joel Cooper
    - Kenya
  - Kate Moyer and Doug Smith
    - Mexico

**Special Days**

- **World Food Day**
  - Indigenous Peoples’ Day (Canada)
  - Thanksgiving (Canada)
  - United Nations Day
  - Islamic New Year
  - Halloween
  - Reformation-Reconciliation Day
  - Yom Kippur
  - ‘Id al-Adha

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Global Ministries features online worship resources for special days and seasons throughout the church year. Go to www.globalministries.org/resources/ to find ways to lift up the world in your weekly worship.

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Colombia

Internal armed conflict over the last fifty years has left Colombia with the largest population of internally displaced persons in the world, estimated to be around five million. The Peace Commission of Global Ministries partner the Evangelical Council of Colombia (CEDECOL) works with pastors, lay leaders, Christian organizations and congregations from many different denominations to meet the needs of the communities they serve as they struggle in the midst of violent conflict. As churches seek to be beacons of hope and peace in the midst of the conflict, they turn to CEDECOL’s Peace Commission for support. The work of the Peace Commission in documenting this suffering and advocating on behalf of the victims is particularly dangerous and challenging. Global Ministries walks with our partners in Colombia and together we pray for peace.
What gift will you give this year? Offer the rare and precious gifts of hope, joy, peace and love this year with Global Ministries Alternative Christmas gifts. For ideas, go to www.globalministries.org/give or call 317-713-2555.
India

For over 115 years, Mungeli Christian Hospital in India has been serving the community with compassionate, quality medical care for the marginalized at the lowest affordable cost. Owned and operated by Global Ministries partner, the Church of North India, Mungeli’s mission includes the treatment of all patients, regardless of religion or financial situation. The 120-bed hospital is run by Global Ministries missionary Anil Henry and supported by One Great Hour of Sharing. In addition, Mungeli Christian Hospital operates a nursing school and the Rambo Memorial School for children in grades 1-10. The call for education in Mungeli is strong and the number of students has steadily increased, prompting the building of a new school facility to accommodate more children. The community sees Rambo Memorial School as the hope for the future to bring true change to their community and the world.
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**Pray for**

- Pray for NOVEMBER
- Pray for JANUARY | 2015

**MISSION PERSONNEL**

- Bethany Waggoner: Ecuador
- Karen and John Campbell-Nelson: Indonesia
- Amelia Casillas and Pedro Muniz: Paraguay/Argentina

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