2012 CALENDAR
Dear Friends of Global Ministries,

What better way to celebrate each day of 2012 than with pictures, stories and prayers! We greet you in the name of Christ and offer you this calendar to connect with God’s mission in the world through Global Ministries.

Your passion and support of Global Ministries has made a far-reaching impact in sharing faith and Good News. Together our mission of critical presence — meeting God’s people and creation at the point of deepest need: spiritually, physically, emotionally and/or economically — is ever expanding.

As we walk through the days of 2012, we want to share with you the joys, needs, challenges and hopes for those we serve in so many places around the world. We invite you to join us in fervent prayer for peace, growth and understanding so needed in our global village. We wish you a year of mission-mindedness and faith-building. Thank you most sincerely for your commitment to Global Ministries.

In Christ,

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This calendar is our gift to you. Thank you for your ongoing support of Global Ministries.

In 2010, 126 individuals served in 43 countries through Global Ministries, including:

- 56 fully-supported missionaries
- 8 Global Mission Interns (young adults)
- 13 long-term volunteers
- 49 associates
- 14 short-term volunteers

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.

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Mission Personnel
Name Country

LEBANON

Palestinians are the world’s largest refugee population. According to the United Nations, the Palestinian refugee population has grown from 731,000 in 1950 to 4.7 million in 2010. The Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) is an ecumenical and church-related organization of the Middle East Council of Churches, a long-standing Global Ministries partner. DSPR was founded to serve Palestinian refugees who lost both their homes and means of livelihood as a result of the 1948 Arab-Israeli conflict and continues to operate in the Palestinian Territories (West Bank and Gaza Strip), Jordan, Lebanon and Israel. In the camps of Sabra and Shatilla in Beirut, Lebanon, 12,000 Palestinian refugees live in approximately one square kilometer, giving the area an exceptionally high population density. Global Ministries, in partnership with DSPR, is committed to working toward peace, justice and coexistence, health, education, and poverty reduction.

Cover photo: Barbara Kershner Daniel
### Pray for

- **November 4**: Alison Stendahl, Turkey
- **November 11**: Jon and Dawn Barnes, Mozambique
- **November 18**: Laura Jean Torgerson and Tim Donaghy, Nicaragua
- **December 25**: Christmas Day

### Mission Personnel

- **Alison Stendahl**, Turkey
- **Jon and Dawn Barnes**, Mozambique
- **Laura Jean Torgerson and Tim Donaghy**, Nicaragua
- **Tim Rose**, Guadeloupe/Martinique

### Important Dates

- **December 1**: World AIDS Day
- **December 8**: Human Rights Day
- **December 11**: First Night of Hanukkah
- **December 14**: First Day of Kwanzaa
- **December 18**: Boxing Day (Canada)
- **December 22**: Winter Solstice
- **December 25**: Christmas Day
- **December 30**: New Year's Eve

### Additional Information

Church groups can visit partners and missionaries around the world through the Global Ministries People-to-People Pilgrimage program. Email dom@disciples.org or phone 317-713-2565.
Houseboats are a common sight on Dal Lake in Srinagar, Kashmir, India. This region is part of the Amritsar Diocese of the Church of North India (CNI), a Protestant denomination in partnership with Global Ministries. India is a source, destination, and transit country for men, women, and children trafficked for the purposes of forced or bonded labor and commercial sexual exploitation. CNI runs an Anti-Trafficking Program that focuses on prevention, rescue, and social re-integration. Awareness programs for community members, workshops for pastors, youth and women, and community tracking systems are all part of CNI’s ongoing work to aid victims of human trafficking and help them become self-reliant and prepared for a better life. Together, CNI and Global Ministries are committed to working together to prevent human trafficking.
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- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Judy Chan
  - Hong Kong

- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Carmelo Alvarez
  - Venezuela

- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Liz and Doug Searles
  - Poland

- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Betty and Ken Frank
  - Turkey

- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Gloria Vicente Kanu
  - Guatemala

**Pray for**

- New Year’s Day
- Ecumenical Sunday

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Global Ministries partner La Misión Cristiana (The Christian Mission Church) is a grassroots national Pentecostal church in Nicaragua committed to assisting the poor, not only with their spiritual needs, but also with development projects and leadership training. In Nicaragua, three out of every four people live on less than $2 a day. Nearly half the population is illiterate and 65% of the children do not attend school. Children must provide their own notebooks, pencils, and other school supplies, which many families cannot afford. Children often work on the family farm harvesting crops such as corn and coffee to help support the family. La Misión Cristiana serves families and communities through programs focusing on education, food security and spiritual development in both rural and urban areas.
You can encourage a missionary sponsored by Global Ministries by sending him/her a special greeting. Email dom@disciples.org or phone 317-371-2570 for details.
The most powerful earthquake to hit Japan in recorded history occurred on March 11, 2011 collapsing buildings, touching off widespread fires and unleashing walls of water up to 30 feet high. In response to the overwhelming disaster, volunteers from inland communities including Global Ministries partner Emmaus Center located in Sendai, Japan served in coastal areas as a humble presence. The volunteers worked long days of demanding manual labor, but saw themselves as servants to those suffering. Global Ministries missionary Jeffrey Mensendieck shared, “There is a deep sense of loss; but there is one recurring word that we hear over and over, this word pours out of my mouth each time I greet a new person. Our eyes meet and I know that we are not strangers. Then with no reservation I say “Arigato” which means thank you, it is one of the words closest to our hearts. We are very thankful that people come to be with us during this time and I for one am thankful that the church is able to be a vessel for this good work.”
### Pray for Mission Personnel

- **Jeanette Salley**, Haiti
- **Lizzy Beach**, Swaziland
- **Monica and Tom Liddle**, East Timor
- **Mary Jane and Don Westra**, Zimbabwe

#### Events
- **April 3**: World Day of Prayer
- **April 17**: St. Patrick’s Day
- **April 19**: Spring Equinox
- **April 25**: UCC One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

#### Mission Personnel

- **Jeanette Salley**, Haiti
- **Lizzy Beach**, Swaziland
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Mozambique

Mozambique is a country of vibrant faith communities and spirited worship. In the midst of devastating cycles of flood and drought, poverty worsened by the global economic crisis, and rising rates of HIV/AIDS infection, the church in Mozambique continues to be committed to ministries of justice, women’s empowerment, and community development. The churches of the Mozambique Synod of the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa, a Global Ministries partner, worship with joy and give with gratitude. The collection of the offering is a time of celebration; people smile, sing, and dance as they line up to give. Some even join the dance line more than one time to give again. They give of what little they have as part of a community that sings and dances together, despite the circumstances.
### April 2012

#### Mission Personnel
- Michael Joseph
  - Colombia
- Mark Behle
  - Lesotho
- Aaron Wiggins
  - Fiji
- Michael Joseph
  - Colombia
- Nohemi and Samuel Pagan
  - Israel/Palestine
- Teresa and Anil Henry
  - India

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#### Special Days
- **March 2012**:
  - Palm Sunday
  - Disciples Easter Offering
  - Easter
  - Disciples Easter Offering
  - Earth Day
  - Armenian Martyrs’ Day
  - Administrative Professionals’ Day

#### April 2012
- Good Friday

#### May 2012
- First Night of Passover

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### Direct Your Gift
Want to direct your gift to a special need? Special giving opportunities abound. Email Resource Development at gifts@dom.disciples.org or phone 317-713-2555.
Rawdat El Zuhur (Arabic for “Garden of Flowers”) is a primary school for Palestinian children, both Christian and Muslim, in East Jerusalem. Every year, the Jerusalem Municipal Education Administration rejects a large number of Palestinians from East Jerusalem who want access to the public school system. Only about half the Palestinian children in East Jerusalem attend municipal schools. Nearly 40,000 children rely on private schools such as Rawdat El Zuhur, which is supported by Global Ministries and is one of Global Ministries’ Child Sponsorship centers. While economic downturn and the occupation continue to take a toll on Palestinians, Rawdat El Zuhur faithfully offers quality education to marginalized and disadvantaged children in East Jerusalem.
If you have hugs to spare, you can sponsor a child with a monthly contribution. Email the Child Sponsorship Program at wcm@ucc.org or phone toll-free 866-822-8224 Ext. 3222.
The people of East Timor place a high value on education for their children, yet few schools exist. The schools that do exist charge tuition, something many families cannot afford. When residents of the remote village of Lisa Dila requested help in establishing a school for their children, the East Timor Education Foundation was founded. The Foundation works in cooperation with Global Ministries and partner church, the Protestant Church of East Timor, to provide tuition-free schools for the children of East Timor. The schools are based on the “village enhancement” model, where both academic and vocational skills are taught. Additionally, adult education classes are offered in the evenings. Global Ministries and the East Timor Education Foundation make a difference to the people of East Timor by building and equipping free schools, open to all, regardless of their religious or ethnic background.
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**Pray for:**

- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Jon and Dawn Barnes, Mozambique
  - Marilyn Cooper and Glen Hebert, Ecuador
  - Bruce Van Voorhis, Hong Kong
  - Jayanthi and Jim Wilson, Botswana

**Other Events:**

- **June 3rd:** Trinity Sunday
- **June 10th:** Father’s Day
- **June 17th:** St. Jean Baptiste Day (Quebec National Day)
- **June 20th:** World Refugee Day
- **June 21st:** Summer Solstice

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**Global Ministries** offers monthly mission stories for your church newsletters on the web as well as weekly prayers lifting up Global Ministries missionaries, partners and countries where we work. These, and more, are available at: [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)
SOUTH AFRICA

Inanda Seminary was founded by American missionaries in 1869 and is an independent school related to the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA), a longtime partner of Global Ministries. An all-girls high school, Inanda Seminary upholds Christian values and philosophies and embraces African tradition and heritage. Emphasizing independent thinking and freedom of expression, the school has produced many highly successful women, some who now occupy high profile positions in government and business. The Seminary has a strong outreach commitment and is involved in several community projects, including the funding of Anti-Retroviral (ARV) treatment for local children and adults impacted by HIV/AIDS. With Global Ministries’ support, Inanda Seminary continues its proud tradition of sending girls into the world who exemplify the school’s motto to “Shine where you are.”
### July 2012

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**Pray for**

- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Laura Jean and Tim Donaghy
    - Nicaragua

- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Elena Huegel
    - Chile

- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Lynnea Walker and Tom Morse
    - China

- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Kristine Tisinger
    - South Africa

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- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Jeffrey Mensendiek
    - Japan

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When setting priorities, Global Ministries follows Critical Presence: to timely and appropriately meet God’s people and creation at the point of deepest need: spiritually, physically, emotionally, and/or economically.
As economic struggles rise in El Salvador, access to basic needs becomes more difficult, and the ability for families to provide their own food becomes vital. On the grounds of Fe y Esperanza (Faith and Hope) Lutheran Church, the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod, a Global Ministries partner, has initiated an agriculture project called Fight Against Hunger that offers training and materials to assist families in growing their own food. An agricultural engineer trains them in techniques that use the waste of one technique for use in another, such as organic fertilizer or chicken feed. Families learn to include diversity in their techniques, from raising earthworms to raising tilapia fish, from growing tomatoes to growing papaya. The Salvadoran Lutheran Synod serves the community in several ministries, including offering hungry families an opportunity for sustainable sustenance.
Pray for
MISSION PERSONNEL
John Campbell-Nelson
Indonesia

MISSION PERSONNEL
Gloria Vicente Kanu
Guatemala

MISSION PERSONNEL
Barbara and Zoltan Szucs
Hungary

MISSION PERSONNEL
Judy Chan
Hong Kong

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Whether you have two weeks, two months or two years, you can volunteer to work overseas with Global Ministries. Email the Mission Personnel Office at dom@disciples.org or phone 317-713-2567.
Climate change is an extremely important issue for the Pacific islands. The melting of the polar ice caps causes rising sea waters that have substantially eroded coastlines, devastated mangroves and other essential habitats, salted wells and other freshwater sources, and in some cases swallowed whole villages, forcing displaced communities into crowded population centers or to leave their island homes altogether. If sea levels rise as predicted, low-lying countries will lose most of their land mass and islands in the Pacific will soon disappear. Global Ministries and partner, the Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC), who celebrated their 50th anniversary in Samoa in 2011, have made climate change an advocacy priority. Together, the PCC and Global Ministries are emphasizing the integrity of creation and supporting Pacific island churches and communities as climate change affects their lives and homes.
Missionaries do not work alone, but alongside partner churches and organizations. For more about missionaries, email the Global Ministries Personnel Office at dom@disciples.org or phone 317-713-2567.
The Democratic Republic of the Congo is literally and figuratively the heart of the African continent. It is a country with enormous potential in its natural resources and diverse and resilient people. Conflict over Congo’s mineral wealth has led to displacement, rape, poverty, increases in HIV/AIDS infections, and the deaths of millions. Global Ministries is committed to addressing the injustices in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and to advocate for peace with justice. During Congo Week in October, congregations are asked to join Global Ministries to raise awareness of the conflict over natural resources and to stop the pillaging, to promote justice, defend women and children, protect the environment and support the people of Congo.
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**Pray for**

**MISSION PERSONNEL**

- **Phyllis Byrd**
  - Kenya

- **Tim Rose**
  - Guadeloupe/Martinique

- **Mary and Dale Patrick**
  - Zimbabwe

- **Liz and Doug Searles**
  - Poland

**World Communion Sunday**

- Indigenous Peoples’ Day
- Columbus Day observed
- World Communion Sunday
- Columbus Day observed

**United Nations Day**

- **Reformation-Reconciliation Day**
- **Halloween**
- **Id al-Adha**

**MISSION PERSONNEL**

- **Phyllis Byrd**
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BHUTAN

Christians are a very small minority in Bhutan, where Buddhism is the national religion. The government permits only Buddhist and Hindu organizations to openly practice their religion and build places of worship. Churches in Bhutan are "house churches" where members gather in homes to worship and pray together. The Bhutan government is now poised to recognize Christianity and grant the small population of Christians the right to openly practice their faith. Anticipating the government’s recognition, Christian leaders gathered among prayer flags to pray together and discuss the formation of the National Council of Churches in Bhutan. Global Ministries offers guidance, support, and partnership as leaders seek to unify Christians in Bhutan and pursue the right to openly practice their faith.
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**Pray for**

- **Teresa and Anil Henry**
  - Teresa: Mission Personnel
  - Anil: Mission Personnel
  - India

- **Mark Behle**
  - Mission Personnel
  - Lesotho

- **Scott Nicholson**
  - Mission Personnel
  - Mexico

- **Martha Mensendiek**
  - Mission Personnel
  - Japan

#### Important Dates

- **Daylight Savings Time ends**
- **Election Day**
- **Veterans’ Day**
- **Remembrance Day (Canada)**
- **Thanksgiving Day**
- **Islamic New Year**

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