Dear Friend of Global Ministries,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus the Christ. This gift calendar is a tangible way to connect daily with God’s mission through Global Ministries. Here you will see some of the joys, needs, challenges and hopes for those we serve in so many places around the world. We hope these profound and provocative photos, stories and prayers become your celebration each day of 2013.

Your personal support of Global Ministries has made an impact in touching many lives through sharing faith and Good News. Together we are meeting God’s people and creation at the point of deepest need: spiritually, physically, emotionally and economically - our critical presence goal.

As you pray through the days of 2013, join us in fervently praying for peace and understanding, which is so needed in our global community. Thank you most sincerely for your commitment to Global Ministries.

We wish you a year of growing global relationships and ministry.

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

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**In 2011, 113 individuals served in 38 countries through Global Ministries, including:**

- 47 fully-supported missionaries
- 2 Global Mission Interns (young adults)
- 13 long-term volunteers
- 51 associates
- 21 short-term volunteers

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**Front Cover:**  
Tibet  
Global Ministries, along with One Great Hour of Sharing and Week of Compassion, works with the Sichuan Radio and TV University in supporting minority areas in the Ganzi region of western China, where 95% of the population are ethnic Tibetans. Programs include training English teachers for schools in Ganzi, supporting relief work in times of disaster, setting up greenhouses and dairies to provide food and milk for schools, sending medical teams to rural areas, and training doctors for Tibetan villages. The State Council of China has recognized Sichuan Radio and TV University as a national model for their work with minority groups.

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**Pray for**

**MISSION PERSONNEL**

- Jayanthi and Jim Wilson
  - Botswana

- Bruce Van Voorhis
  - Hong Kong

- Carlos Madrazo
  - East Timor

- Susan Valiquette and Scott Couper
  - South Africa

- Elena Huegel
  - Chile

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Colombians suffer dire human rights situations due to the country’s 45-year-old internal armed conflict. Armed opposition groups have committed violations of international humanitarian law, including high-profile kidnappings. The Colombian government routinely fails to bring to justice military officials who have collaborated with these illegal paramilitary groups as they carry out atrocities or even participate in civilian killings. The Council of Evangelical Churches of Colombia (CEDECOL) is a partner of Global Ministries that offers relief and hope to the victims of Colombia’s violence and upheaval. CEDECOL provides support by accompanying those unjustly threatened, offering conflict resolution training, fostering partnerships with government and private organizations, and organizing micro-credit projects.
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**Pray for**
- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Monica and Tom Liddle
  - East Timor
- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Lynnea and Thomas Morse
  - China
- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - James deBoer
  - Argentina/Paraguay
- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Katie Pickens
  - Haiti

- **Epiphany**
- **Orthodox Christmas**
- **Human Trafficking Awareness Day**

**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.**

[www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)
Global Ministries partner, the YWCA of Palestine, created an ecumenical grassroots movement serving women of all faiths. The YWCA has developed a wide range of programs and projects to empower women and girls and improve their status. In the Jalazoune refugee camp, near Ramallah, the local YWCA association runs activities for children and youth, such as social, cultural and educational activities promoting youth leadership, civic engagement, and learning. Other projects of the YWCA include vocational training programs, language courses, income generating projects, and advocacy work in human rights. Working together, Global Ministries and the YWCA of Palestine address the implications of conflict on women and children by advocating for social, economic and political justice.
Uduvil Girls’ College, Global Ministries partner in Sri Lanka, was created to provide educational opportunities for Tamil girls who were receiving only a minimal education. Over 190 years old, it continues to be dedicated to promoting educational and cultural advancement opportunities for girls. A 26-year civil war and the devastating tsunami in 2004, have caused significant hardships for the population, environment and the economy. In the midst of instability, Uduvil Girls’ College offers an uninterrupted education, thus empowering generations of young women.
### 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.
The South Africa Council of Churches (SACC) has been a partner of Global Ministries since 1968. The SACC was a prominent anti-apartheid organization during the years of apartheid in South Africa, and its leaders have included Desmond Tutu, among others. The SACC’s ministry through the years of apartheid led to their continued presence in the healing and reconstruction of South Africa. Today, along with Global Ministries, the SACC is involved in work on issues of justice, reconciliation, integrity of creation, and the eradication of poverty.
April 2013

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Global Ministries’ partner in the Marshall Islands, the United Church of Christ - Congregational in the Marshall Islands (UCCMI) grew out of work started in 1857 by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (now Global Ministries). From the beginning, mission work was carried out by Pacific Islanders, meaning that the life of the church is predominantly indigenous. The church runs nine elementary schools and four chartered Christian high schools. Its pastors are trained at the Marshall’s Theological College, which receives students from all over Micronesia. In addition, the UCCMI includes congregations in the USA, which are affiliated with both the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
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**Pray for**

- **MISSION PERSONNEL**
  - Gabrielle Worley
    - Armenia
  - Amy Lester
    - Hungary
  - Mary Jane and Don Westra
    - Zimbabwe
  - Michael Joseph
    - Colombia

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- **www.globalministries.org**

**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](http://www.globalministries.org) to learn more.
At the Shalom Center in Chile, programs are centered on healing one’s relationship with God, creation, community, and self. Programs, like prayer shawl retreats for trauma healing, are designed to give children, teenagers, and adults a sense of self-worth, develop conflict resolution skills, impart the relevance of environmental stewardship, and teach self-management skills. Located in the mountains of southern Chile, the Shalom Center is a Foundation of the Pentecostal Church of Chile, a long-standing Global Ministries partner. The impact of the Shalom Center can be felt in the words of one retreat participant, who said, “In this place I feel that I have encountered myself again; I have known God better and that fills me with joy. I have been able to understand more intimately the purpose God has for my life.”
The Middle East is the home of the three Abrahamic faiths — Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The Christian communities of the region are a numerical minority — in most cases to a majority Muslim demographic, and in Israel/Palestine, to both the Jewish and Muslim communities — even as they are part and parcel of their respective nation. The Christians of the Middle East are actively engaged in interfaith relations, both in the form of theological and intellectual dialogue, and in the so-called dialogue of life — the day-to-day interaction that is part of living as a community. Such engagement is not always visible, nor does it make the news, but is a prevalent dynamic. Global Ministries supports such efforts by partners throughout the region, just as the UCC and Disciples are engaged with interfaith partners in the United States and North America.
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**Pray for**

**MISSION PERSONNEL**
- **Gloria Vicente**
  - Guatemala
- **Nancy Lott Henry**
  - India
- **Julianna Nitz**
  - Sri Lanka
- **Marilyn Cooper and Glen Hebert**
  - Ecuador

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Lesotho is the only sovereign country in the world surrounded by another country. Founded in 1833, Global Ministries partner, the Lesotho Evangelical Church (LEC), is the largest Protestant Church in the country, and one of the oldest in Africa. The LEC sponsors and operates many specialized service ministries in this nation of two million, including 580 primary and secondary schools, two hospitals and associated clinics, a seminary, a fine museum representing the history of the church and country, a major printing press, HIV/AIDS programs and other human development efforts. The church has a strong tradition of ecumenical commitment, believing in a fellowship of conversation, mutual enrichment, common purpose and action with other churches and ecumenical bodies. The Lesotho Evangelical Church and Global Ministries see this fellowship as the best way to express the oneness of the church.
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.

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
When 82-year-old Toshio Konno’s fields were devastated by the tsunami near the coast of Sendai, Japan, in 2011, he lost all hope. Soon after the disaster, Global Ministries partner church, the United Church of Christ in Japan, designated the Emmaus Center as a relief center to help tsunami survivors. In the year following the disaster, the Emmaus Center housed and provided meals for 2,500 volunteers to work with families in the affected region. With visits from volunteers at the Emmaus Center, Mr. Konno was able to grow crops in his garden one year after the tsunami. Mr. Konno’s joy illustrates the motto of the Emmaus Disaster Relief Center: “To walk alongside the survivors to find renewed hope in their lives.”
September 2013

Pray for

MISSION PERSONNEL
Matthew Fehse
Philippines

MISSION PERSONNEL
Mark Behle
Lesotho

MISSION PERSONNEL
Karen and John
Campbell-Nelson
Indonesia

MISSION PERSONNEL
Jeffrey Mensendiek
Japan

MISSION PERSONNEL
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Namibia

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As Haiti continues to recover from the 2010 earthquake, Global Ministries and partner, the National Spiritual Council of Churches of Haiti (CONASPEH), are working to rebuild facilities and re-equip rooms with resources vital to the ministry of its programs, including a grade school, theological seminary, nursing school, and skills-training programs. In order to rebuild the grassroots economy in Haiti, CONASPEH offers loans for families allowing them to start income-generation projects. CONASPEH’s partnership with Global Ministries has helped transform the Haitian people and volunteers from the U.S. and Canada. For CONASPEH, this partnership has been a source of strength in the recent years, just as it had been before the earthquake.
October 2013

Pray for:
- Amelia and Pedro Cassillas
  - Paraguay
- Carlos Madrazo
  - East Timor
- Jeanette Salley
  - Haiti
- Alma Crawford
  - Ghana

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.

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Reducing poverty through education, especially in rural communities of ethnic minority populations, is an important Critical Presence of Global Ministries in Southern Asia. The establishment of secondary schools supported by Global Ministries enables more ethnic minority children to continue their education. This provides opportunities for members of these communities to go on to higher education where they may become teachers, doctors, agriculturalists and social workers — professions which are both missing and needed in minority areas. The children these schools serve are the most highly educated members of all their relatives and villagers and bring benefits to their families as well as their communities.
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- **Scott Nicholson**
  - Mexico
- **Aaron Wiggins**
  - Fiji
- **Rebecca & Scott Hardin-Neiri**
  - Costa Rica
- **Diane and Terry Hutter**
  - Swaziland

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