

**Make Disciples...**



**Of All Nations...**

**Vistoso Community Church  
2021 Missions Ministry**



## Developing a Missions Focus

At Vistoso Community Church we are seeking to understand the plan God has for our fellowship in the area of missions and to have an impact to the *“uttermost ends of the earth!”* Our first step toward becoming more missional was to become church-directed in our missions giving. It is our goal to be actively involved in praying for and supporting missions work and to exercise Spirit-led discernment in the stewardship of the resources this fellowship so graciously provides. We wrestle in prayer concerning who and what to support, and we also make every effort to apply funds at the point of need rather than dilute them through organizational overhead.

This process requires time and effort, but the rewards in terms of stewardship and a sense of being actively involved in obeying the Great Commission is worth it. Our growing focus on missions and our many forms of outreach have also had a benefit for our VCC congregation as we have drawn many active and retired missionaries into our fellowship. This booklet is designed to introduce you to the missionaries and missions enterprises that you are supporting.

This introduction provides the following topics that help explain VCC’s approach to missions: Church-directed missions, missionary contact, and VCC’s supported missionaries and projects.

## **Church-Directed Missions**

There are a number of things involved in the concept of church-directed missions. Foremost is that we work to develop a personal relationship with our missionaries so that we can better understand their ministry and their needs. For example, we regularly have missionary speakers visit our Church and we have notebooks in the Fellowship Hall that provide regular updates on all of our missionaries.

Another important factor in our church-directed approach to missions is stewardship. We try to avoid sending money to a missions agency for their management. Instead, we prefer for all funds given to the Church for missions purposes to be managed by our Missions Committee which eliminates overhead costs allowing us to direct more funds directly to missionaries and missions projects. We are blessed that a number of active and retired missionaries serve on this committee.

Our personal relationship with our missionaries and missions projects assures that we are uniquely informed to provide prayer support. Our prayer support is a vital part of the VCC approach to missions outreach.

## **Missionary Contact**

The VCC Missions Committee maintains contact with all of our supported missionaries. Notebooks in the Missionary Corner in the Fellowship Hall have all of the communications we receive from our missionaries so that our congregation can keep up to date on their activities. Recently we are also adding video updates from Missionaries on our website Missions Channel. Some of the update information is provided in this booklet to help everyone in our congregation become familiar with the missionaries we support.

Further, contact information has been provided for each of the supported missionaries so that those who wish to send encouraging messages can do so.

## Supported Missionaries and Projects

VCC has accounts for each of our supported missionaries and projects, which gives the church the ability to direct individual gifts to any of these entities. Thus, if you wish to provide support for a particular missionary or missions project, you can donate those funds through the church. These are the missionaries and missions projects to which the church can direct your funds:

- Roberta Cencini, Truth and Hope International
- John Coleman, Tohono O'odham Reservation
- Rick and Marilyn Fodey, Wycliffe Associates
- Gilgal Gospel Mission, India
- Grace Training Institutes,  
International Pastor Training
- Grace Training Institutes—Philippines
- Jon and Barb Habegger,  
Child Evangelism Fellowship
- Audrey Johnson, Wycliffe
- Steve and Virginia Kacprzak, Love Thy Neighbor,  
Good Neighbor Get-Together Ministries
- Kris Klebs, Ethnos 360, VCC Sent Missionary
- Julie Newsted, Christian Challenge—University  
of Arizona
- James and Linda Nissley, Wycliffe
- Bill Penning, Wycliffe
- Sharon Stark, Wycliffe
- Paul and Hope Towne, Wycliffe
- Guillermo Villanueva, Evangelism in Latin America
- Patti Wagner, Wycliffe
- Richard and Tricia Wagner, Flying H Youth Ranch
- Bryan and Diane Wilson,  
United International Mission
- Wycliffe Bible Translators/Jungle Aviation and  
Radio Service (JAARS)

## Supported Missionaries and Projects

This section describes the ministries of each of the missionaries and missionary enterprises supported through the generous giving of the VCC congregation. The ministry descriptions are in the same alphabetical order as the overview list on the previous page. Note that contact information is provided so that our congregation can provide encouragement and support for our missionaries.

### **Roberta Cencini** (VCC Member) Truth and Hope International

Teaching/Writing Ministry

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Truth and Hope International is a ministry Roberta started when she saw that residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities had a need to learn and grow through the teaching of God's Word. This led her to begin a writing ministry, including Bible studies, which she introduced to many of the elderly who live in care-giving facilities. Later, she extended the ministry to provide Bible-based materials for prison inmates.

Her ability to produce materials has been greatly hampered due to the many health issues she faces, including COVID-19, which have been recurring over several months. However, despite these challenges, she continues to send out the materials she writes, plus many of the books Pastor Kevin writes and VCC produces, to prison inmates in the U.S. and also to Christians overseas through a distribution ministry in Illinois.

## John Coleman

### Tohono O'odham Nation



Contact:

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John, a retired pastor, is a missionary on the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation. He began this ministry in October 2003 by serving in the First Papago Baptist Church. This ministry has grown over the years and now

John functions as both a church planter and as an encourager to those in need—both spiritual and material.

There are many challenges that John faces in serving the Tohono Nation. Drugs and alcohol affect all areas of life on the Reservation, and many of the people live in poverty with no way out. While this is true, John reports that the greatest challenge among the Tohono People is syncretism, holding onto their historical religious beliefs while professing to be followers of Christ. John is committed to going forward with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, preaching the Good News, personal witnessing, distributing copies of the Word of God, and seeing souls saved.

The impact of the COVID Pandemic on the Reservation has increased the need for food, clothing, and other essentials. In addition to continuing to meet many of these needs, John delivered school backpacks and supplies to 150 children on the Reservation, including those attending Living Word Academy, a Christian school for youth on the Reservation.

## **Rick and Marilyn Fodey**

Wycliffe Associates, On loan  
to Wycliffe Bible Translators

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Rick and Marilyn began their mission career in the early 80s, using English as a Second Language to engage students in Bible studies in Guadalajara, Mexico. Later, Rick moved into a support role as construction coordinator in Chihuahua, Mexico. More recently, they joined Wycliffe Associates and for the past few years have assisted Wycliffe Bible Translators at the Linguistic Center in Catalina.



Rick continues to work on an accessible lexicon for multi-lingual pastors around the globe who are looking for resources in order to better translate the Scriptures into their mother-tongue languages. He also continues to work part time in the SIL/Wycliffe finance office in Catalina.

Marilyn is editing several Old Testament manuscripts, getting them ready for publication in booklet form. She continues to lend assistance to translators in many practical ways.

## Gilgal Gospel Mission (GGM) Gospel Outreach in India



Rev. Sunil Singh Nallathambi,  
President

Christobel Russelliah,  
President Emeritus

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Christobel Russelliah, Founder and former President of GGM, retired on July 10, 2020 after 46 years of ministry. The GGM Board thanked her for her unswerving faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ and His calling on her life to preach Christ and plant churches.

Christobel's son-in-law, Rev Sunil Singh Nallathambi, will be leading the mission forward as the new President. It is his intent to continue to fulfill the vision of Preaching Christ and Planting Churches among the unreached people of India. His wife Thehil, who is the daughter of Christobel, will join the team when she completes her studies in the U.S. Of course, Christobel will be available to give guidance and assistance.

Rev. Sunil was mentored by Dr. Chelliah Russelliah, Christobel's late husband and encouraged to return to GGM after completing his education. While still a student in the U.S., he felt God directing him into ministry:

*Church planting was always my passion as God called me to reach India's unreached people. While at school in the U.S., I returned to GGM each summer to collaborate with missionaries and staff to organize children's rallies, youth retreats, missionary conferences, Sunday school programs, medical and gospel camps, and much more.*

Rev. Sunil, as President of GGM, is realizing the fulfillment of his call to minister to his own people in India.

## Grace Training Institutes (GTI) International Pastor Training

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Grace Bible Institute is unique in that it is a mission primarily to Christians, to those who are saved but are lacking a strong foundation in the Word of God. The GTI commission includes this statement:

*We believe that it is the privileged responsibility of the saved to witness by life and by word to the truths of Holy Scripture.*

In order to fulfill this commission, Duluth Bible Church established GTI with the goal of equipping pastors and teachers in areas of the world where there is an established church, but limited training for church leaders. Their first effort was in El Salvador, which was so effective that they moved into neighboring Nicaragua, and from there to Mexico, Peru, Zambia, and Kenya.

God worked it out to have a Bible Conference among an indigenous group in San Marcos, Mexico through partnering with a Wycliffe translator (Sharon Stark) and Visoso Community Church in Tucson, AZ. The teams taught key lessons in Romans.



## Grace Training Institutes (GTI) Philippines

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While VCC has supported the work of GTI for a number of years, the Missions Committee agreed to invest to a greater degree in an outreach to the Philippines. Funds were set aside to help with the start-up of a teaching ministry in several locations in the Philippines. Our Associate Pastor, Peter Tranvik, joined the initial teaching teams in January of 2020. He returned with an enthusiastic report about what was accomplished and a vision of how the churches in the Philippines can benefit from the training.

While GTI was assessing the viability of a long-term ministry in the Philippines, the COVID pandemic caused the country to be locked down. Travel restrictions and health concerns prevented GTI from making further trips to make a definite assessment. There are on-going discussions with the church leaders in the Philippines, and VCC is still committed to this ministry when the country is again open and travel is no longer restricted.

**Jon and Barb Habegger**  
Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)  
Good News Clubs

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Jon and Barb are associated with Child Evangelism Fellowship in Tucson and Pima County. Jon is the director of the Pima County Chapter of CEF and Barb has the responsibility of recruiting and



training the Good News staff. In addition, they are both actively involved in leading many of the ministry efforts, such as after-school Good News Clubs in the Tucson area. The clubs are held weekly during the school year and provide an evangelical program that has led many children to Christ. Several VCC members volunteer in the Good News Club at Coronado School in Catalina.

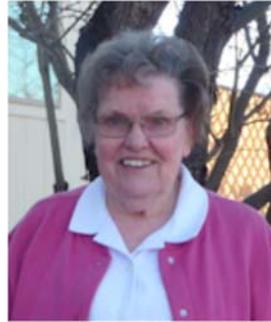
Unfortunately, the COVID Pandemic and the lockdown in Arizona made it necessary for the children to begin their school year with online classes. CEF found ways to connect with some children, using Zoom and YouTube. They were also able to have three outdoor meetings weekly for sixty to seventy minutes.

Jon and Barb anticipate that local schools will be open to teachers and students by January 2021. If that occurs, they will once again have the clubs meeting on a regular schedule.

**Audrey Johnson** (VCC Member)  
Wycliffe Bible Translators

Jamiltepec Mixtec People Group  
San Juan Mixtec People Group  
Oaxaca, Mexico

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More than 50 years ago Audrey went to Mexico to begin working with the Jamiltepec Mixtec people to translate God's Word in their language. The Lord brought the New Testament to completion in 1983. Then she began to translate the New Testament for the San Juan Colorado Mixtecs. She completed that New Testament in 1995. Since then, she has worked on the Old Testament with teams from each of the two towns in their respective dialects of Mixtec.

This past year has become a time of transition for Audrey. Bibiana, who worked on the New Testament in San Juan Colorado Mixtec, is now overseeing the Old Testament translation. Rachael Costello, a new Wycliffe translator who works in yet another dialect of Mixtec, has agreed to take over as administrator of the Jamiltepec Old Testament Project.

Audrey's time of working with the translation teams is coming to an end. Her last task now is to assist with correcting details in the Jamiltepec translation of the Pentateuch, which was approved for publication in October. Plans are being made to record and publish the Pentateuch (Genesis through Deuteronomy).

May the Lord enable those involved in the project to bring the translations to completion in His perfect time.

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**Steve and Virginia Kacprzak**  
(VCC Friends)  
Love Thy Neighbor Ministry  
The Good Neighbor Get Together

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Steve and Virginia founded Love Thy Neighbor Ministries in 2002 to take the love of Jesus and His Word to the forgotten, lonely, and helpless in adult care facilities in Pima County. They also started a number of Bible study groups at several of the facilities. The Good Neighbor Get-Together is a more recent program designed to give respite to caregivers monthly, while their loved one is cared for at a local church by trained Care Team Volunteers. VCC was the first church to partner in this outreach.

The recent COVID Pandemic has made it necessary to make changes in the way they can minister, especially to those who are in long-term facilities. In many cases, the elderly are isolated from all visitors, even their neighbors who are also in the facility. Also, many facilities have very limited organized activities or entertainment.

In March, Steve and Virginia organized the Operation-Something-To-Do program. Through individuals and local churches, including VCC, they put together individual packets of things to do, including word search puzzles, cross word and coloring books, pens and pencils, sharpeners, playing cards, jigsaw puzzles, as well as Bibles and Bible study lessons, and cookies, of course! They deliver these packets twice a month to many nursing homes and assisted living facilities. In addition, The Giving Tree outreach each December provides Christmas gifts for the elderly who are living in care facilities.

**Kris K. (VCC Member)**  
**VCC Sent Missionary**

Ethnos360 (Formerly New Tribes Mission)  
International Coordinator  
Church and Community Care

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Kris became VCC's first Sent Missionary in 2018. Her role with Ethnos 360 has been to help church planters in various ministry areas, ensuring they are using relevant and effective methods to teach and promote a biblical lifestyle in all areas of daily life.

Kris has been assisting a small team in North Africa to begin work with refugees. The team is learning the language and culture of the people group in anticipation of sharing a clear and complete Gospel message in their language and discipling believers to maturity. Some of the team has been in place for over two years and Kris is phasing out of being on-site with them in favor of periodic visits. She will have a similar role with another new team in the middle east once COVID-19 is less of a hindrance to ministry, hopefully early in 2021.

Kris' picture and the information on her specific location has been left out or deliberately vague for reasons of personal and ministry team safety.

**Julie Newsted**  
Christian Challenge  
The University of Arizona

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Julie has been involved with Christian Challenge at the University of Arizona for more than twenty years, serving as Regional Director since 2009. The mission of Christian Challenge is to engage students with the Gospel through a variety of outreach events to lead students



to become disciples of Christ. Christian Challenge uses evangelism, discipleship, and leadership training to meet this goal. The appointments they set up with new students, have the express purpose of getting to know them better, sharing about both Christian Challenge, and presenting the Gospel.

Things changed quite drastically when the COVID Pandemic hit and the U of A essentially closed down. This fall, with some of the students back, Julie explained how she is adjusting to the situation:

*We have launched our online community groups—four of them are still in the recruiting phase. Using Zoom, we launched our Challenge Nights on Thursdays. About half of those attending are new students. We've begun our semester-long topic of "A Disciple." We're hoping the clubs will soon open more broadly with in-person worship.*

## James and Linda Nissley

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Many changes are taking place at the Wycliffe Linguistics Center in Catalina, and both James and Linda are in the middle of it all.

As Wycliffe is reaching its goal of translating the New Testament into all of the language groups in Mexico, some of the changes that are occurring, including downsizing the center in Catalina. Much of the administration will shortly be handled in Mexico rather than in Catalina. This transition means that some of the buildings will no longer be needed and some of the staff will be reduced.

The administrative building has been leased by Global Recordings Network, and the Wycliffe offices have moved across the campus into the Study Building. This has been a huge undertaking, and much of the burden has fallen to James.

In the midst of this major change, the COVID Pandemic hit and in March the center closed its normal operations. Only those who could not do their job from home continued working at the center. During the shutdown, Linda's role as Member Care Coordinator was greatly increased. She and her team checked in regularly with those who live alone to provide for their needs and to offer encouragement. She and her team were also given the task of developing a COVID-19 plan for members in Catalina.

## **Bill Penning**

### Wycliffe Bible Translators



Computer Technical Support  
Brazil

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Bill is the latest missionary VCC has the privilege to support. He has been worshipping with us while on furlough, and quite a few of our members have come to know and appreciate him. We welcome him to our church family.

While Bill is originally from the Midwest, he came to Tucson in 1980 to attend the U of A. After finishing college with a doctorate in astronomy, he sensed the Lord calling him to do something besides “living to make a living.” In 1988 following that call, he joined Wycliffe Bible Translators in order to provide computer technical support for field workers. In 1992, Bill went to work in Brazil.

Since then, Bill has worked as a computer department manager in three different linguistic centers in Brazil. In 2015, he began working directly with ALEM, the Brazilian national Bible translation organization. In addition to SIL and ALEM, he also provides technical support for an indigenous mother-tongue-translator training program.

Computers are a vital part of modern Bible translation. Specialized software helps in language and analysis, as well as the translation process itself. Other programs are used to produce both audio and visual media in indigenous languages. And, of course, desktop publishing software is necessary to produce printed Scriptures.

Bill plans to return to Brazil in January, 2021.

**Sharon Stark** (VCC Member)  
Wycliffe Bible Translators

Popoloca People Group  
Puebla, Mexico

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In 1971 Sharon moved to the small, dusty town of San Marcos in the state of Puebla, Mexico. She began to learn Popoloca, the language spoken by the people living there. When she had adequate control of the language, she began to translate the New Testament, a work that took almost fourteen years.

During that time she was successful in finding people to help her with translation, but none of them actually cared about Scripture or even wanted a copy of the New Testament when it was completed. Sharon was heart broken and returned to the U.S. After a time, she went back to Mexico and partnered with Audrey Johnson to translate the New Testament for a group of Mixtec people, who eagerly accepted the New Testament in their language.

Years later, out of the blue, a phone call came from San Marcos. Sharon was being asked to help the folks revise the New Testament—this after almost no one cared about the translation when it was first published! Despite Sharon's reluctance to repeat the effort, the caller insisted they would use the translation this time, especially since there were new believers who needed help. So Sharon once again committed to work with a team of three Popoloca speakers, which eventually grew to five. Within three years the New Testament was revised and printed. Finally, Sharon was able to see people carrying their New Testaments to church and reading them! Today they are translating the Old Testament, with more than half of it in rough draft.

## Paul and Hope Towne

### Wycliffe Bible Translators

Support:  
Technical and Financial  
Mitla, Oaxaca, Mexico

Website:  
<https://www.wycliffe.org/partner/paulhopetowne>

Paul is a computer consultant supporting Wycliffe Bible translators as well as the indigenous people who are assisting in Bible translation. Hope is filling a very important role in the finance office in Mitla, Oaxaca.



At the beginning of the year Paul and Hope came down with symptoms of COVID-19. Both were in quarantine for a time and then were able to resume their duties part time, working from home. Over the next few months they continued to have periods when they were unable to carry out their duties. Hope continues to be treated for congestion in her lungs.

Despite their recent health issues, Paul was able to repair the phone lines to the Wycliffe center and erase the problems that had caused a good deal of consternation for a number of months. He has also continued to help translators with computer problems by using a remote support program that allows him to go through most of the normal problem-solving process, even on computers hundreds of miles away. Hope continues to work in the finance office and is often called on to help in a variety of ways while keeping the finance books and coordinating with the finance office in Catalina.

## Guillermo Villanueva

### Pastor/Evangelist



Guillermo Villanueva  
Ministries, Inc.  
Latin America

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Rev. Villanueva is an evangelist with a multi-faceted ministry that includes evangelistic crusades, radio and television evangelism, outreach to the deaf, and church planting, to name a few. This very active, hands-on ministry takes him to Mexico, Cuba, and the southern part of the U.S. He worked with the leaders of evangelical churches in Mexico to coordinate the National Day of Prayer and the National Prayer Chain for Mexico. Through Trans World Radio, the largest Christian media agency in the world, his evangelistic radio program reaches much of Latin America.

While the COVID Pandemic seriously hampered many of his ministries, Guillermo found ways to continue reaching out to the lost. Despite all odds, he has been able to get out the Good News



through Zoom, even to the deaf. Through social media he targets unbelievers by sharing three-minute messages. He also has five-minute salvation messages on Facebook and is encouraged by the responses he receives.

**Patti Wagner** (VCC Member)  
Wycliffe Bible Translators

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Patti has experienced a difficult year following the death of her husband Jerry and dealing with a number of difficult health issues. Still, despite the struggles, she has continued to serve joyfully at the Wycliffe Center and as a member of the Hospitality and the Member Care Teams.

However, at this time, Wycliffe is in the process of reducing its presence in Catalina, and some of the services Patti has been involved in will be suspended or cut back soon. It seems to Patti, that with the downsizing of Wycliffe as well as her health issues, this is the right time to think of retiring. She writes:

*In addition to wishing you a wonderful Christmas, I do have an announcement to make. I have decided that I will retire from Wycliffe as of December 31, 2020. I will still be able to Volunteer at the Wycliffe Center, which I plan to do. I have been blessed with many kind and loving friends at work and my church. I have asked the Lord what my "new" ministry will be, and He has already begun to show me...a caring heart and helping hands.*

Patti, the VCC family loved Jerry and we love you very much, and we are thankful for all you and Jerry have done. It pleases us that you, Patti, will continue to be cheerfully serving all of us for years to come!

## Richard and Tricia Wagner Flying H Youth Ranch

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Richard and Tricia, along with their children Gabriel, Abigail, Elesha and Brielle, live and minister at Flying H Youth Ranch in Naches, Washington. The ranch is a Christian residential program for troubled teenage boys. It provides a safe, encouraging environment where these boys can develop into productive members of society. Currently twenty boys are enrolled in the program. Hope Academy, located on the ranch, is an accredited school which ensures that the boys receive a robust and comprehensive Christian education as well as activities designed to teach life skills.

To date, the Ranch is COVID free, but that doesn't mean things haven't changed. Rich wrote:

*As all of you have had to make hard decisions over these past few months, you can imagine we have had our hands full here. This entire situation is unprecedented and particularly complicated in circumstances such as ours. After contacting both local and state authorities, including the Office of Education, it was decided the best thing to do for our boys and their families is to remain in operation. This meant canceling Spring Break and altering our program in order to meet local and state safety requirements. Needless to say, this was a very unpopular decision for the boys and very difficult for the staff.*

## Bryan and Diane Wilson

### Pilot/Mechanic

United International Mission  
Formerly United Indian  
Mission, Tucson

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Bryan and Diane, along with their children Toby, Ross, and Charis, have settled in Oro Valley and are doing well. The children are enrolled in school and are adjusting to life in the United States. Bryan is now associated with United International Mission and continues to serve as a pilot/mechanic at the UIM hangar at Ryan Air Field.

United International Mission, formerly known as United Indian Mission, was founded in 1956 to establish biblically-based indigenous churches among Native Americans. It has since expanded into Canada, Mexico, Cuba, and Central Asia. While UIM is based in Phoenix, there are outposts in Tucson and also in Mexico.

Bryan was making periodic flights to Mexico with UIM to serve the missionaries until the COVID Pandemic hit and the border was closed, preventing flights to Mexico. Rather than wait until the border to Mexico opened, the Wilsons accepted an invitation to go to Alaska for the summer where Bryan helped at the Mission Aviation Repair Center. Diane and the children helped in some of the Summer Christian Camps.

The family has now returned to Tucson and Bryan is once again assisting UIM as a pilot and mechanic.

## Wycliffe Bible Translators Jungle Aviation and Radio Service (JAARS)

JAARS Website: [jaars.org](http://jaars.org)

Wycliffe Mexico Website: <http://www.mexico.sil.org/>

Wycliffe Bible Translators is working toward a goal of seeing the Bible translated into every language. JAARS mission is to make Bible translation possible, especially in the most remote and difficult places on earth. They do so by providing locally appropriate and sustainable solutions in transportation, technology, media and training.



Though not involved directly in Bible translation, JAARS provides the day-to-day support to Wycliffe Bible Translators, SIL International, Wycliffe Global Alliance, and nationally-based organizations. Support may involve a flight over the mountains, satellite internet in the desert, or providing motorcycles for bad roads. Their goal is to support Bible translators so they can do what they do—translate the Bible.

Wycliffe and JAARS are committed to the belief that people's lives and communities are transformed as they experience God's Word in the language they understand.

VCC supports several Wycliffe missionaries as well as special projects for Wycliffe and JAARS.

## Point-of-Need Support

We use the Point-of-Need title to describe those missionaries or missionary enterprises that we support as their needs arise and as we have funds available. The following is a listing of the recent Point of Need projects.

**San Marcos Church, Mexico:** Scholarships for church leaders to attend the Grace Training Institute Conference. Airfare and miscellaneous expenses for Sharon Stark to represent VCC at the dedication of the San Marcos new church, which VCC helped fund.



**Bill Sturdivant–missionary:** Funds to replace a property fence damaged by a storm.

**Coronado School Good News Club:** Funding for 2021 to provide treats and supplies for the after-school clubs. Several VCC members volunteer with this ministry to reach school children with the gospel.

**Bill Penning:** Computer and travel expenses for Bill's return trip to Brazil.

**Radio Broadcasts:** Christian radio program in the Mayo language of Northern Mexico where a Wycliffe translator works.

**Gilgal Gospel Mission in India:** Through food distributions, 379 poor families received rice and the equivalent of \$3.00. These supplies last from five to seven days.



**Morogoro Christian Center in Tanzania:** Completion of a well for the Christian Center as well as the community. Financial help for day laborers who have no work and are unable to feed their families.

**John Coleman:** Bible tracts for people on the Tohono O'odham Reservation. In addition, the church collected three types of supplies for John to distribution on the Reservation:

- Back to school supplies for school age children
- Christmas gifts for all the children
- Clothing Drive for all ages



**Faith Comes by Hearing:** Kodaku (India) Audio Scripture recordings of the New Testament.

**JAARS:** A motorcycle, including safety equipment and a safety training session, to support Wycliffe translators in the Congo for travel and receiving supplies.

**Jim and Kaaren Esson of Side by Side Ministry:** Repair their home that was damaged by Hurricane Sally.

**Family First's (Ministry in Oracle):** Baby Bottles Fund Raiser to purchase diapers and other essentials.



**Richard and Tricia Wagner (Flying H Ranch):** Medical needs for the family (Rich has wet macular degeneration, Gabriel has Type 1 Diabetes).

**Dunamis Prison Ministry:** General support expenses.

**Living Word Academy:** A tuition scholarship for one student to attend the academy.

**Love Thy Neighbor:** Supplies for Operation-Something-To-Do-Program designed for the elderly residing in long term care facilities during the Covid Pandemic and the Christmas *Blessings in a Bag* ministry to provide gifts for the elderly in adult care centers.



**Flying H Ranch:** Christmas dinner out for the staff and the twenty boys who have been quarantined at the ranch. It's the treat they look forward to all year long!

# Your Missions Committee

If you would like to know more about VCC's support of missionaries or our missions projects, just ask one of the members of our Missions Committee, pictured on these two pages.

## Mission Committee Members



Michael Galyen  
Chair



Jackie Budd



Peggy Burnap



Barbara Glaser



Audrey Johnson



Phyllis Henderson



Chuck Slade



Genenne Sexton



Michael Parker



Sharon Stark



Ralph and Bonita Nitcher

## Invitation

If you would like to help with the committee's evaluation of missionary fund requests and communication with our missionaries, just come to a Missions Committee meeting or talk to a committee member. We are always ready to accept new Mission Committee members who have a heart for missions.

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Community Church

He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit...*John 15:5*

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