

# MESSENGER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER &amp; PRAYER GUIDE



Kingdom Teams participate with the Migrant Education Program of Lancaster.

Participants are involved with a program at Habecker Mennonite Church.

PHOTOS BY KINGDOM TEAM SUMMER STAFF



## SEEING THE WORLD DIFFERENTLY

Kingdom Teams (K-Teams) are short, summer experiences that provide opportunities for youth to engage with discipleship training and cross-cultural service, in the U.S. or (new this year) in the Czech Republic. Check out a few stories of how God was at work through K-Teams this summer.

### KINGDOM TEAMS LOCAL

K-Teams Local provided more than 80 youth and leaders with opportunities to develop a deeper understanding of what it means to be a missionary in their current contexts, see the different cultures that surround them in their local area, and use their gifts to be a blessing to others. I daily had the joy of challenging these youth to step outside of their comfort zones and was amazed to see their response, not only of treading the line, but of jumping into the middle of discomfort.

Every week, our first night was filled with a prayer walk around the city and some ice cream to finish it off. During our first week, the youth returned from this walk with a conviction to simply do something. For the remainder of this trip, a different small group left each night, with sandwiches in hand, to sit, eat and pray with homeless individuals around the city. In doing so, they so clearly demonstrated Jesus' love for the castoff. In reflection with them, they claimed this time to recognize the humanity of

every person. This powerful beginning of the summer was in no way lessened as the summer continued.

In July, we began work with the Migrant Education Program of Lancaster. This space was a challenging one for many, but from the beginning of each week to the end, intentionality and initiative began to grow. I saw them using their gifts of sports, fishing, gardening, reading, and music to find common ground with the migrant children and segueing into conversations where they shared laughter, stories, and sometimes, even testimonies.

One youth took the initiative to act as a buddy for a student who spoke very little English and was able to build a strong connection with her across their language barrier. Later, she expressed that she now has a growing passion to study different cultures and that she believes that she wants to go into youth ministry when she graduates. Through these examples and many others, God showed his faithfulness and power in many unexpected and other untold ways as he worked in the hearts of these youth.



**Becca Sauder**

2024 Kingdom Teams Director

We noticed all our youth learning things about themselves and other cultures. They all learned that youth in the Czech Republic are like them in many ways, even though the culture is different. They learned things about themselves they didn't expect. The English camp experience changed some to be aware of gifts and interests they had that can be used in ways here at home that they never considered before.

**Jim & Carol Herr**  
*Mountville Mennonite Church*



**Jim and Carol Herr (left and second from left) led a group from Mountville Mennonite Church which served as EMM's first Global Kingdom Team.**

PHOTO BY JAN HEINDEL

**KINGDOM TEAMS GLOBAL**

I saw the Global K-Team being courageous to try new things: food, different styles of games, slightly different ways of doing things. Although it was challenging and interacting with others without knowing how well it would go in English was out of their comfort zone, they were happily surprised that they could make friends more quickly than they expected.

As the team jumped in and participated alongside the Czech kids, connections were made. At the end of the first week of camp, I was pleasantly surprised to hear from the Czech students how much they appreciated having the American teenagers at camp. Again and again students commented that they could talk to the American teenagers because they were the same age and could relate, whereas they might not talk to an adult. Even some of the students who seemed to keep

to their small group of friends interacted with one of the K-Team members, which was huge. One Czech boy mentioned how he came to practice English but came away with friends and a better understanding of God and himself. These are the kinds of connections we hope will happen at camp, and that the students will experience God's love through our actions and our words.

One way we saw God's presence was when we were tired and didn't feel like we had energy to give more. I experienced it on a couple evenings when there was another activity and I wasn't sure I had it in me to be present with others. Several of the K-Team members also felt similarly. And yet when we entered in, God gave us the energy and endurance to be involved and present. Those are moments when it's obvious that God's grace is perfect in weakness and that he provides what we need.



**Jan Heindel**  
*EMM worker in the Czech Republic*

**REGISTER FOR 2025 K-TEAMS AT [EMM.ORG/KTEAMS](https://emm.org/kteams)**



**Marvin Lorenzana (right) presents a plaque to Luis Edgardo Borjas, Amor Viviente president.**

**50 YEARS OF MULTIPLICATION**

In July, EMM President Marvin Lorenzana and a delegation of guests from EMM and LMC traveled to Siguatepeque, Honduras, to celebrate the Amor Viviente network's 50th anniversary. In 1974, EMM missionaries Ed and Gloria King began Amor Viviente as a ministry to youth in Tegucigalpa. Five decades later, Amor Viviente has become a network of several dozen churches throughout Honduras and beyond. Marvin came to faith in Jesus as a result of the ministries of Amor Viviente. Praise God for many years of him working through Amor Viviente to help people come to know him.



## OCTOBER DAILY PRAYER

**1 LEBANON CITY, PA.** | Join us in prayer for Michael and Deborah Clancy as they serve with their family. Pray for Deborah as she works with Church World Service to find welcome teams for refugees who are settling in Lebanon City. Pray for employment for a current resident of one of the homes that Michael oversees.

**2 THAILAND** | Pray for God to call pioneer church planters into the harvest field of Thailand to join the team there.

**3 COSTA RICA** | Pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen and guide Valerie Mummau during her discipleship training with Vida 220.

**4 EUROPE** | Pray for those participating in the Europe retreat. Pray for refreshment, renewal, and meaningful conversations. Pray also for the children to feel cared for.

**5 ROMANIA** | Pray for Phil and Linda Gottschalk as they teach at Bucharest Baptist Theological Institute. Pray for Linda as she teaches Survey of Church History to graduate and undergraduate students. Pray for Phil as he teaches Theology for Church Practice for the new master's in youth ministry program.

**6 U.S.** | Pray for EMM college visits this fall. Ask God to speak to students' hearts and spark interest in missions opportunities.

**7 ALBANIA** | Pray that the joy of the Lord would be evident in Sonya Harnish. Pray for her as she serves Him in office work and as she relates to teammates, campers, students, and neighbors in her community in Albania. May she be a blessing to Christ-followers and Christ-seekers in the community.

**8 THAILAND** | Ask the Lord for opportunities for mission workers to share the hope and love of Jesus with those they encounter in Thailand. Ask for effectiveness in their ministry.

**9 U.S.** | Pray for Michael and Ruthy Hershey as they help the Christian-Muslim Relations Team continue to grow in prayer and equip others in prayer as a vital part of mission. Pray for Ruthy as she teaches Advance Global participants about prayer and intercession.

**10 GLOBAL** | Thank Jehovah Jireh for His faithful provision. Ask him to provide for the Impact Fund, supporting the work of bringing people into His family.

**11 CZECH REPUBLIC** | Pray for Karen Hess as she picks up responsibilities again after a time of sabbatical. Pray for good connections with churches and supporters as she continues to prepare for her move to the Czech Republic.

**12 CHILE** | Pray for Michael Hostetter as he continues to pour into the lives of Christian businessmen. Ask the Lord to continue to develop the program and ministries on Tenglo Island.

**13 SOUTHEAST ASIA** | Pray that Will and Nina\* and their family will be filled with God's strength and joy. Pray that they will have opportunities to share the living water with those with whom they work and relate.

**14 GLOBAL** | Pray for young men to respond to God's call to the work of short-term missions.

**15 SPAIN** | Pray that Paula\* will be full of Christ's joy and strength. Ask God to grant her understanding of His will for her and her ministry.

**16 CZECH REPUBLIC** | Pray for individuals to be called to join an international church planting team in a village on the outskirts of Prague.

**17 CAMBODIA** | Pray for John and Jeanette Puckett and their family as they transition to life in Cambodia. Pray for good relationships and the ability to learn the language.

**18 U.S.** | Pray for Allison Zimmerman to receive the guidance of the Holy Spirit as she returns to life in the U.S. after having served in Germany for several months.

**19 KAZAKHSTAN** | Pray that the light of Jesus would be shared by many in Kazakhstan, leading to a multiplication movement.

**20 LANCASTER CITY, PA.** | Pray for God to call volunteers for the programs at Neighbors Community Center, at Hub450, our building in Lancaster City, Pa.

**21 CENTRAL ASIA** | Pray for strength and joy for Maria\* as she teaches AP Chemistry and Psychology. Pray for Alexander\* as he walks alongside local business men and serves as regional representative for Central Asia.

**22 CENTRAL ASIA** | Pray for God to send workers to the field to work in business for transformation and teaching English.

**23 U.S.** | Pray for Binsa\* as she continues to be a bridge to the Hindu and Buddhist communities in Lancaster and beyond. Pray for her children as they continue to adjust to a new school and friendships.

**24 KYRGYZSTAN** | Pray that the seeds thrown along the path would take root, changing hearts and lives in Kyrgyzstan.

**25 GERMANY** | Pray for Darrel and Miriam\* as they provide support and leadership in the church. Pray for wisdom as they disciple and mentor new believers. Pray for Emma as she is away from her family while she attends 11th grade in the U.S.

**26 SOUTHEAST ASIA** | Praise our Heavenly Father for the opportunity members of the EMM Board of Directors have to meet with brothers and sisters in Southeast Asia. Petition Him for good relational connections, safe travels, health, strength, and insights into how to govern the organization well.

**27 HONDURAS** | Pray for Austin and Griselda Zuercher as they serve in Honduras. Pray for Griselda as she encourages the mothers at El Nido in their desire to grow in Christ. Pray for Austin as he balances his college practicum and ministry work.

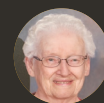
**28 WEST AFRICA** | Pray for individuals and families to be called to join the work of leadership development and church planting in West Africa.

**29 LANCASTER CITY, PA.** | Pray for the participants meeting this evening for a session of the Kairos course to understand God's heart for all peoples of the earth. May God reveal to them their roles in reconciling the nations to their Creator.

**30 GLOBAL** | Pray that short-term workers would have many opportunities to share the gospel and continue to be impacted personally by the gospel.

**31 GLOBAL** | Praise the Lord for his faithfulness to AABS (All-Nations Association of Bible Schools) as they celebrated 20 years this year! Pray for them as they continue to make Biblical education available and affordable in local churches and communities around the world.

## CELEBRATING LEGACIES



Viola M. (Gascho) Dorsch, 97, of New Hamburg, Ont., Canada, passed away on Aug. 16. Viola, and her husband, Victor, served with EMM in Somalia and Tanzania (1956-89).



Anna Martha Stahl Nissley, 93, of Lititz, Pa., passed away on Sept. 11. Martha, and her first husband, Omar, served with EMM in Germany (1988-92).

\*Names changed for sensitivity reasons.



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# unexpected Peace

**FILM PREMIERE**  
**RED ROSE FILM FESTIVAL**  
**NOVEMBER 8-10**

This documentary follows social anthropologist and EMM worker Jonathan Bornman as he explores three stories: the Amish school shooting in Nickel Mines, Pa.; the murders of Murid (Sufi Muslim) migrants from Senegal in Harlem, New York; and Muslim-Christian conflict in Solo, Indonesia.

**WATCH THE TRAILER AND GET TICKETS AT [UNEXPECTEDPEACE.COM](http://UNEXPECTEDPEACE.COM)**

## THE IMPACT FUND FOR 2024 NEED IS **\$930,471**

When you support EMM's Impact Fund, you enable us to recruit, equip, and send EMM workers around world.

**\$861,984 RECEIVED AS OF SEPTEMBER 10**

**\$1,792,455 GOAL**



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