

The Purpose of EMU International is to bring glory to God by assisting churches and individuals in carrying out the Great Commission given to the Church Universal by our Lord Jesus Christ through ministries of evangelism, establishing indigenous churches, and training nationals to do the same.



EMU was founded by Dr. F.V. Dabold and his wife, Seva, in 1946.

Having been involved with the American Sunday School Union following his graduation from college in 1924, Dr. Dabold rebuilt a number of fledgling churches in Iowa, Colorado, and California. When they were forty-four years old, Dr. and Mrs. Dabold felt the Lord calling them to foreign missions. Because of their ages and health, no mission board would take them as candidates. With a few friends behind them in the States, they sold their belongings and moved to Uruguay.

The Lord greatly blessed, and in a short time they were holding filled services in the capital city of Montevideo. The next year Dr. Dabold began the first Bible Institute in Uruguay to train the nationals to evangelize their own people. During their lifetime the Dabolds saw many churches established by the graduates of this Bible Institute. Dr. Dabold went home to be with the Lord on January 17, 1976, six years after his wife passed away.



EMU International, Inc. was originally founded as Evangelical Mission to Uruguay. In 1987 the mission began its ministry expansion into other countries in addition to Uruguay, and in 1993 the mission name was changed to EMU International to accommodate these changes. Although the original name is still used with reference to the continuing work in Uruguay, the acronym EMU stands for Evangelical Mission to the Unreached for our other fields of ministry.

George & Marilyn Jensen, President Emeritus

The ministry of George Jensen began at Bob Jones University, where he graduated with an undergrad Bible degree in 1950 and an M.A. in cinema in 1962. George was honored by the school in 1975 when he was named "Alumnus of the Year" and again two years later when he was awarded an honorary doctorate.

From 1950 to 1964 George was film editor at Unusual Films, working on such movies as Wine of Morning and Red Runs the River. During those years he met Dr. Dabold while editing the first of four films for EMU entitled The Challenge of the Purple Land.

In 1967 George and Marilyn were called into full-time missionary work as field representatives for EMU. In May of 1975, George was elected director of the mission and President of the Board of Directors. Twelve years later he retired from the directorship but continued serving on the Board as President Emeritus for a number of years.

George and Marilyn's travels for the mission took them into almost every state in the Union presenting the ministry of EMU in churches, homes, and camps. Besides traveling as representatives, George and Marilyn also spent time in Uruguay where they spoke at the camps, preached in the EMU churches, and taught at the Bible Institute when possible.





EMU Board Members

Ken & Joan Jensen

Upon his graduation from Bob Jones University in January 1976, Ken and his wife, Joan, entered the ministry of EMU. Three years prior to this step Ken had visited Uruguay for the first time with his parents, brother, and sister. It was during that time that the Lord laid the burden of Uruguay on his heart. In his last semester of college, Ken felt the Lord's definite leading into the work of EMU. Before that time George and Marilyn had prayed that the Lord would raise up someone to free them from the office work so they could travel together. They didn't know at that time that they were raising the one whom God would use to answer their prayers.

Ken was the office administrator as well as a representative for the ministries in Uruguay until 1988 when he was appointed the director of the mission. Ken travels to Uruguay at least once each year for the annual missionary conference with the Uruguayan nationals, and at other times to help with work projects at Camp Emmanuel and in EMU churches. Ken visits the other EMU fields on a rotating basis.

During Ken's years as director, EMU has expanded beyond the borders of Uruguay to also include missionaries serving in Cambodia, Chile, Croatia, France, Mexico, and Peru. This expansion necessitated that the mission's name be changed from Evangelical Mission to Uruguay to EMU International. Outside of Uruguay, EMU stands for Evangelical Mission to the Unreached.

Since 1990 Joan has also worked in the home office. She is currently the office administrator and travels with Ken to visit EMU's missionaries on the field when possible.

Ken and Joan have three adult children: Caroline, Charity (also with EMU serving in the Home Office), and Joshua (also with EMU serving in Cambodia).

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The missionaries of EMU are supported primarily by U.S. churches and individuals. The mission's main office is in Taylors, SC (just outside Greenville, SC). The office is run by the mission director, Ken Jensen, assisted by his wife, Joan, and another worker. Jeff Davis also works out of EMU's home office. Jeff is currently the Assistant Director and does some traveling representing EMU's ministries in Uruguay. Also in the Greenville area is the retired President of the Board, George Jensen, and his wife, Marilyn. EMU's full-time representative couple, Mel and Jan Wingrove, live in North Carolina.

Jeff & Joanna Davis

Jeff and Joanna both grew up in Christian homes and were saved as children. Joanna's dad, Gene Jeffers, pastors the Forest Park Baptist Church in Terre Haute, Indiana. Upon graduation from Terre Haute Christian School, Joanna attended Tennessee Temple University and received her degree in Education. Jeff was saved after hearing a message by Evangelist J. Harold Smith, his grandfather's first cousin. Shortly after his salvation, Jeff's family helped establish University Baptist Church in Clemson, SC. Upon graduation from Seneca High School, Jeff attended Bob Jones University where he received B.A. and M.A Degrees in Pastoral Theology. Jeff and Joanna met at the Wilds Christian Camp where they served together for several summers. They were married in August of 1989.



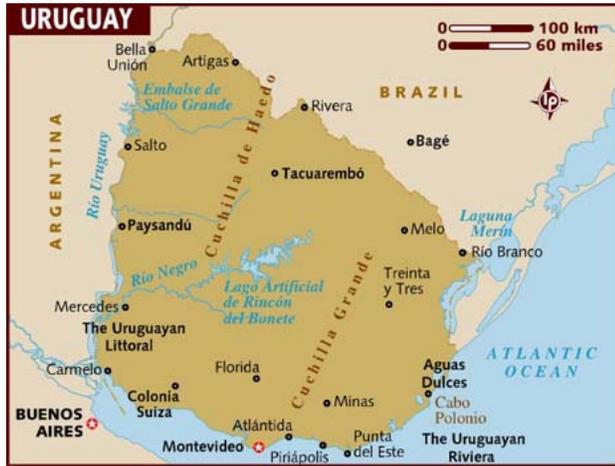
Jeff has experience as a church planter having started the Harvest Baptist Church of Rock Hill, SC. He also served as the senior pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Wilson, NC, and Oakwood Baptist Church of Anderson, SC. Each of his churches have been known for their strong missionary programs. Jeff has had the privilege of traveling to several foreign mission fields. In 2015, after serving in the pastorate for twenty-five years, the Lord began to work in Jeff's heart in the area of missions as the next step in his ministerial journey. Through much prayer and godly counsel, God led Jeff to become the assistant director in training of EMU International.

Jeff and Joanna have four children. Caleb, who is married; Bethany and Abby, who are students at Bob Jones University; and Hannah who is still at home.

Jeff has had the privilege of preaching in Christian School chapels, at Christian Camps, Missions Conferences, Revival Meetings, and Family Conferences. He is also available for meetings to promote the work of EMU International. For more information you may visit his personal website pastorjeffdavis.com or email him at jeff@emuinternational.org.



Uruguay



The Uruguayan government is officially non-partisan with regard to religion and supposedly treats all denominations equally, unlike the Roman Catholic-dominated governments of other Latin American countries. Religions of every shade and creed abound in Uruguay—from Moonies to Mennonites, from spiritists to Catholics, from Jehovah's Witnesses to Baptists. Evangelism, church planting, teaching, and other ministry opportunities abound.

Training the Uruguayan nationals to reach their own people has always been the ultimate goal of EMU International (formerly Evangelical Mission to Uruguay—in Uruguay, EMU is known as MEU, Misión Evangélica del Uruguay). Since the first group of young Uruguayans received instruction and entered the harvest field, they have carried on a ministry of diversified evangelism to reach and disciple people in all walks of life. This work includes mass evangelism through radio, Christian film, open-air meetings in markets and plazas, prison evangelism, child evangelism, house-to-house visitation, tract distribution, hospital ministry, Bible study, and personal work. As a result, a number of Bible-believing churches have been established in Uruguay over the years through EMU's national missionaries.



Bible Institute

The Bible Institute was founded in 1947, shortly after the Dabolds arrived in Uruguay. This school offers a comprehensive three-year training program incorporating sound doctrinal teaching and personal evangelism experience. Some of the graduates have become EMU missionaries, and some are working with other conservative mission organizations. Most of the graduates return to their churches to serve the Lord in their home community.



Camp Emmanuel

In 1976 the mission bought property outside of Montevideo and built a camp facility – Camp Emmanuel. Camps for children, teens, and families are held each summer with speakers often coming from the USA. During the rest of the year our various churches use the camp for retreats or as a conference ground. EMU also sponsors several camping programs in other regions of the country.

MINISTRY TRAINERS

Matías & Kristine Espinel

Matías was born and raised in Montevideo, Uruguay, and grew up attending Iglesia Evangélica Siloé, an EMU church. His father passed away when Matías was ten years old, but his mother continued taking the family to church. He came to know the Lord as his Savior a year after his father's death. Throughout his youth, Matías also attended Camp Emmanuel, EMU's southern camp. Having sufficiently learned English while in Uruguay, Matías was able to attend Bob Jones University where he majored in financial management.



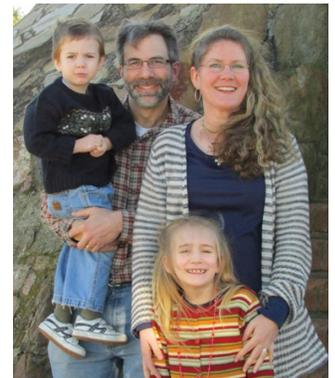
Kristine was raised in a pastor's home in New Jersey where her father still pastors the Founders Baptist Church in Dover. Saved at a very young age, Kristine always had an interest in missions. At the age of eight, after hearing a missionary from Argentina speak in her Christian school chapel, Kristine dedicated her life to missionary service. At BJU she majored in Spanish in order to prepare herself for ministry among Latin Americans, especially in South America. She also traveled with several summer mission teams to Spanish-speaking countries during her time in college. While at BJU, Kristine and Matías met and fell in love. The Lord gradually changed Matías' focus from business to full-time ministry in Uruguay. Matías and Kristine were married in 2004.

To further prepare themselves for teaching ministry, both continued with their formal education at BJU. Kristine earned an M.A. in Bible, and Matías acquired an M.A. in Pastoral Studies and a Master of Divinity. Throughout their schooling at BJU, Matías and Kristine were very involved in Spanish ministries in Greenville. Matías was able to be an interpreter for visiting speakers at Spanish churches, and Kristine, who taught Spanish at BJU, helped with material translation. After graduation, BJU asked the Espinels to travel on one of the university's USA musical teams for a year. Matías was the preacher for this team.

The Espinels entered the EMU family of missionaries in June 2009. They began their first term of ministry in Uruguay in January 2012. Matías' primary goal for ministry in Uruguay was to help establish a 4-year Bible College. After two years of planning and working toward that goal, F.E.B.U. opened its doors for its first semester of classes in March 2014. Matías is the director of the college and also teaches in the school. He and Kristine are also involved in other aspects of EMU's ministries in Uruguay. Matías and Kristine have three children: David, Sofia, and Emma.

John Mark & Deborah Steels

John Mark and Deborah are the products of missionary families serving in the Western Hemisphere. When John Mark was in the eighth grade, the Steels moved from Indiana to the island of Antigua where his father worked with a Christian missionary radio station. It was there that John Mark began taking Spanish in a cultural program sponsored by the Venezuelan government. Three years later the family moved to Provo, UT, for another assignment. During his years at Bob Jones University, John Mark's desire to serve the Lord in full-time ministry grew. During his senior year, he joined a Christmas mission team to Uruguay. One of the organizers of the team was a recent graduate of BJU who had grown up as an MK in Uruguay, Deborah Garwood.



Deborah's family moved to Uruguay when she was very young. Though her parents were with another mission organization, the family had close fellowship with EMU missionaries. Deborah and her younger brother and older sister grew up attending Camp Emmanuel in Uruguay. It was at this camp that Deborah, at the age of sixteen, heard George Jensen's message on David Livingstone and surrendered her life to missionary service. Having graduated from BJU in 1995 with a B.A. in French/Spanish and ESL, Deborah worked on staff at the campus, during which time her relationship with John Mark developed. They were married in 1999. Subsequent short-term mission trips to Mexico, Spain, and Uruguay helped to direct their attention to Uruguay. In the meantime, John Mark earned an M.A. in Church Music and a Master of Divinity. John Mark and Deborah spent many years helping with various Spanish ministries in the Greenville area. They were accepted as missionary candidates with EMU in December 2008. They moved to Uruguay in the summer of 2013.

The Steels were able to get involved immediately with the various ministries in Uruguay because they were already fluent in Spanish. One of John Mark's primary ministry goals in Uruguay was to help in the establishment, leadership, and teaching in Uruguay's first 4-year Bible College, which goes by the name F.E.B.U. FEBU officially opened in March of 2014. John Mark and Deborah both teach part-time in the school. They are also involved in other ministries as well. For more information on the Steels, visit their blog where they post ministry updates, Good News From a Distant Land. John Mark and Deborah have two children: Anna-Ruth Elizabeth and Daniel James.

NATIONAL URUGUAYAN WORKERS



Ovidio Acevedo Family
Pastor of Emmanuel Church
in El Cerro



Beatriz Alberti Family
Volunteer Secretary for
Camp Emmanuel



Julia Alvarez
Ladies' & Children's Ministries
in La Charqueada



Pablo Billafan Family
Pastor of Siloe Church
in Colon (northwest Montevideo)



Ariel & Elsa Camacho
Retired pastor of
Gethsemani Church in Montevideo



Albert & Carolina Diaz
Pastor of Emmanuel Church
in San Fernando



Pedro Donz  Family
Director of Camp Emmanuel;
Office Administrator, Montevideo



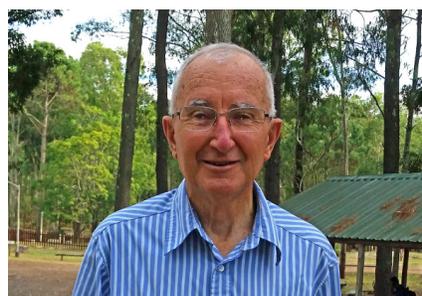
Gabriel Gomez Family
Pastor of Gethsemani Church
in Montevideo



Hector & Graciela Gomez
Pastor of Calvary Temple in
Rivera & Rivera Chico



Juan Gonzalez Family
Mission Evangelist for
Mision Evangelica del Uruguay



Jose Kowalczuk
Pastor of Calvary Temple in
Durazno – Widower



Gustavo de Oliveira Family
Pastor of Calvary Temple
in Montevideo



Carlos & Mabel Olivera
Pastor of Bethel Church in the
city of Pando



Carlos & Graciela Pereira
Retired pastor assisting Calvary Temple
of Tacurembo Church in San Fernando



Julia Piedad
Retired Mission Housekeeper
living in Montevideo



Marianne Rauter
Translator, Hospital & Nursing
Home Ministries



Vanessa Reyes
Part-time Secretary for Uruguay
office in Montevideo



Luis Rios Family
Caretaker of Camp
Emmanuel in Guazuvera



Chicha Rodriguez
Children's, Ladies', & Radio Ministries,
Translator in Montevideo.



Rubito Rodriguez Family
Pastor of Calvary Temple in
Treinta y Tres



Alicia Rossi
Retired widow of EMU church
planter in El Prado



Ursula Thiessen
Ladies' & Children's Ministries,
Visitation in Montevideo



Docila Torres
Retired widow of pastor in
Pando



Ricardo & Mayka Windmoller
Pastor of Calvary Temple of
Vergara

CAMBODIA



Infamous for the four-year reign of terror by the Communist Khmer Rouge from 1975-1979, during which 2 million of Cambodia's 6 million population were killed, the Kingdom of Cambodia has since risen from the ashes to boast one of the fastest growing economies in the world. Christ's church has also risen from the ashes. Nearly all the believers were killed during the Khmer Rouge period, but the church in Cambodia has since exploded to over 200,000, according to official estimates. Although Buddhism is the national religion, and temples and shrines abound, no country in mainland SE Asia has more religious freedom than Cambodia.

In 1994 J.D. Crowley received one of the first permissions given to a foreigner for entering the country with the express purpose of evangelism. The opportunities for evangelism and church planting are wide open. The need for missionaries committed to indigenous church-planting throughout Cambodia is staggering. More linguists are also needed to work with Scripture translations among the indigenous minorities. EMU has five families working in Cambodia, three among the minorities in the northeast, and two in language study in Phnom Penh.

J.D. and Kim Crowley

J.D. was raised in Japan and Hawaii, while Kim grew up in South Carolina. Both J.D. and Kim trusted Christ as Savior at an early age. After meeting in college, they were married in 1980 and moved to Hawaii, where J.D. pastored Kea'au Bible Church for twelve years. But their hearts were always drawn toward work among the unreached. In 1994 Hampton Park Baptist Church commissioned J.D. and Kim as missionaries to pursue this long-held dream. Following a year of training with New Tribes Missions, they contacted EMU to pursue the prospect of service under this organization. Although the mission had expanded into Chile, it had no tribal missions experience and no missionaries in Asia. After months of prayer and a meeting with the Board of Directors, the Crowleys were accepted as missionaries with EMU. Among the Crowleys' early goals in Cambodia was reducing the Tampuan language (a minority language) to writing in preparation for a Bible translation. They accomplished this task – slowed by many linguistic and bureaucratic hurdles – during their first two terms on the field. J.D. and Kim have also witnessed God establishing over 50 churches in 5 different language groups in NE Cambodia, and they have helped disciple the church leaders and their wives. In 1999 J.D. began the Ratanakiri Bible School, an indigenous training program for tribal and Khmer church leaders. This school is now directed largely by the nationals. The Crowleys have also worked to produce doctrinally-sound Christian literature in the Cambodian and tribal languages – geared to the culture of SE Asia. J.D. is the author of *The Kingdom of God: Studies in Matthew in Khmer and English*; *Commentary on Romans for Cambodia and Asia* (English language edition available at Amazon.com); *The Tampuan/Khmer/English Dictionary*; and co-author of *Gospel Meditations for Missions* (available on Amazon.com). J.D. and Kim have six children: three married – Charis, Ethan, and Anna; two in college – Jenna and Taylor; and Nathaniel, still at home.



Josh & Amy Jensen

Josh Jensen is the son of Ken and Joan Jensen (and grandson of George Jensen), so he has been connected with EMU through his family for his whole life. He earned a B.A. in English and an M.A. in Bible Translation from Bob Jones University, and he completed his Ph.D. in Linguistics from The University of Texas at Arlington in the spring of 2013. Amy grew up in New Jersey, where her dad was a pastor; when she was in high school, her dad answered a call to a church in York, Pennsylvania. Amy earned her undergraduate degree in Music Education, her master's degree in Bible, and her doctorate of education in Curriculum and Instruction, all from Bob Jones University.



In the summer of 2002, Josh accompanied Jeremy Farmer and Brian Kane on a survey trip to Cambodia to visit the Crowleys. From that time his desire has been to return for long-term ministry. In the spring of 2006, Joshua went back for three months to do linguistic fieldwork with the Jarai people, a minority group in the northeast corner of the country.

Josh and Amy began their deputation in the spring of 2013 and moved to Phnom Penh in July 2014 to begin their study of Khmer, the national language of Cambodia. After two years there, they plan to move to Ratanakiri where the Crowleys, Farmers, and Kanes serve. Once there, they will begin learning Jarai, with the goal of eventually helping the Jarai church through Bible teaching and Bible translation. Josh and Amy's personal ministry website is jarai-in-cambodia.org

The Jensens have three children: Rebecca, Isaiah, and Anna.

Brian & Lydia Kane

Brian Kane was born and raised on the campus of Bob Jones University where his parents are on staff. He earned an undergraduate degree in Bible, followed by a Master of Divinity degree. Lydia grew up in the Philippines where her parents are missionaries. She attended BJU, where she met Brian, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Master's degree in Counseling. Brian and Lydia were married in 2001.

In the summer of 2002, Brian, along with Jeremy Farmer and Josh Jensen, visited the Crowley family in Ban Lung, Cambodia. Though the Kanes had long had a burden for missionary service, this survey trip turned their hearts to the people of Cambodia. The following year the Kanes were accepted into EMU as missionaries to Cambodia.



The Kanes moved to Cambodia in 2007. After language study in Phnom Penh, they began serving the Krung church leaders in the Ratanakiri province primarily through Bible teaching and discipleship. Brian is also assisting with the Krung Bible translation.

The Kanes have six children: Mia, Sophia, Hugh, Jackson, Julia, and Brianna.

Jeremy & Bonnie Ruth Farmer

Jeremy and Bonnie Ruth were both born into Christian families and grew up in North and South Carolina, respectively. Through a combination of godly influences at home, church, summer camp, and college (Bob Jones University), the Lord compelled Jeremy to pursue long-term work among peoples unreached with the gospel. In the summer of 2002, Jeremy accompanied Josh Jensen and Brian Kane on a trip to Ban Lung, Cambodia, intending to spend two weeks “helping” missionaries JD and Kim Crowley. Instead, these young men received far more “help” from JD than they could have ever given, as JD graciously poured himself out, transparently sharing his philosophy of ministry, missions, and life. Twelve years later, Jeremy, Josh, and Brian, with their growing families, are working alongside the Crowleys in Cambodia.



As a child, Bonnie Ruth felt keenly her obligation to take the gospel to unreached places, a desire that was fostered throughout her youth by her church and by exposure to missionary friends. She studied music and theology at BJU in order to prepare for such service. She and Jeremy met in 2000 at a missions conference (Student Global Impact) and were married in 2003.

Jeremy served on the Bible faculty of Northland International University for five years (2004-2009) before joining EMU and moving to Cambodia in May, 2011. Since then the Farmers have been studying the Khmer language and culture, as well as becoming increasingly involved with the Crowleys and Kanes in training national pastors in Ratanakiri province. In the near future, Jeremy intends to begin Lao language study as part of the Farmers’ long-term desire to plant churches among Cambodia’s many unreached Laotians.

Jeremy and Bonnie Ruth have seven children: Abi, Isa, Gloria, Eden, Judson, Salem, and Henry.

Matt & Becky Hancock

The Hancocks were both raised in Christian homes. While Matt was growing up, his father was an employee of Bob Jones University, and the family were members of Trinity Bible Church of Greer, South Carolina. Becky’s father is currently a pastor in Pennsylvania, though the family has ministered in several states in the upper-mid-west as well.



Matt and Becky met at a weekly prayer meeting while students at BJU. Both completed their undergrad and graduate degrees at Bob Jones University and Seminary. Matt got his B.A in Missions and M.A. in Pastoral Studies, and Becky completed her B.A. in Humanities and M.A. in Biblical Counseling. During her high school and college career, Becky took short-term mission trips to small churches in the USA and overseas to Singapore, Hungary, and China. Since the age of nine, she has had a burden for missions. In 2008 Matt did a missions internship in Cambodia. From that time his desire to reach the Cambodian people with the Gospel has grown. They joined EMU as missionaries in 2013 and moved to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in 2014 to begin their Khmer language training. Matt and Becky’s personal ministry website is openingtheireyes.com

Matt and Becky have three children: Jonathan, Jedidiah, and Hope.

CHILE



Although averaging only about 110 miles in width, Chile stretches 2,700 miles from north to south, through almost every extreme that nature has to offer—from the glacier-encrusted volcanoes in the south to the scorched deserts of the north.

Patagonia's emerald rain forest is drenched with 190 inches of rain each year, while the Atacama Desert in the north is part of one of the driest regions on earth. The natural borders of Chile

exemplify an equally distinct contrast. To the east the Chilean Andes loom as a majestic rampart, rising to heights of over 22,000 feet, whereas the country is hemmed in to the west by the expansive, undulating Pacific Ocean.

Though predominantly Roman Catholic, the country enjoys religious freedom, and most Catholics are not active in their churches. Many people mix spiritism and Catholicism. In 1909 a Pentecostal Methodist Revival took place, and today about 25% of Chileans are Pentecostals or Charismatics. Generally, fundamental Baptist, Bible, and Presbyterian churches are small.

The field of Chile is in dire need of biblically fundamental church planters. The country also needs Bible institutes, Christian schools, and other means of evangelism and training.

Tom & Connie Chapman

It was at a summer camp in the hills of New York State, under the preaching of a missionary to India, that Tom walked the sawdust trail to trust Christ as his Savior. Connie surrendered her heart to the Lord after a revival service in her home church during her senior year of high school. Tom and Connie met while on a summer mission team to Mexico sponsored by Bob Jones University, where both were students. The next summer they served on a similar team to Hawaii. On this tropical island they realized their love for one another, and they were married the next May after graduation. During their dating years Tom and Connie had hoped that the Lord would call them into missionary work. But He closed that door at the time, and for seventeen years the Chapmans taught in Christian schools.



During Tom's college years he also visited missionaries in Chile with a BJU musical mission team. It was then that he saw that country's great need and developed a burden for the people. In the mid-1980s this burden for Chile was renewed in Tom's and Connie's hearts. After a year of intense prayer they contacted Ken Jensen about opening a mission branch in Chile. This step was EMU's first move outside of Uruguay. After meeting with the Board of Directors, the Chapmans were accepted as candidates to Chile.

After deputation and two years in Santiago to learn the language and culture, the Chapmans moved to Antofagasta in the northern desert, where they have established a church.

Tom and Connie have six adult children: Tom Jr., Susan, Tim (also with EMU serving in Peru), Daniel, David, and Karen.

CROATIA

Over eighty-five percent of Croatia's 4.3 million people are Roman Catholics, and fewer than one percent are Protestant of any stripe. Although there is religious freedom, the prevailing view of most Croats is that "to be Croatian is to be Catholic." Croatia is in dire need of fundamental Christian missionaries. At this time the spiritual heart of Croatia is as rocky as the country's southern land. Workers are needed to plow the soil.



Kornel & Tanja Crnkovic

Kornel grew up in northeastern Croatia. He went to church as a child, but only his mom is a believer. In 1987 he trusted Christ as his Lord and Savior. During the most recent war in Croatia, Kornel's village was surrounded by Serbs, and Kornel became a part of the Croatian army defending his city. He was wounded during the siege and was discharged from the military because of a permanent injury to his foot.

Tanja's parents were Croatian missionaries to the Croats living in Austria. Saved at the age of seven, Tanja eventually attended Bob Jones University to pursue a music degree. During that time her parents moved back to Croatia to establish a church. Following graduation she returned to Croatia to help her parents.

Kornel and Tanja, both in charge of youth groups at different churches, met during a youth rally. They married a little over a year later. They felt the Lord's call for them to begin a church in Split, a city of about 200,000 people along the Dalmatian Coast. They started a church in Split and ministered there for sixteen years. In 2010 the Lord called them to help in a church in Koprivnica, in Croatia's far north. Kornel is the co-pastor of Koprivnica Baptist Church, along with his brother-in-law.

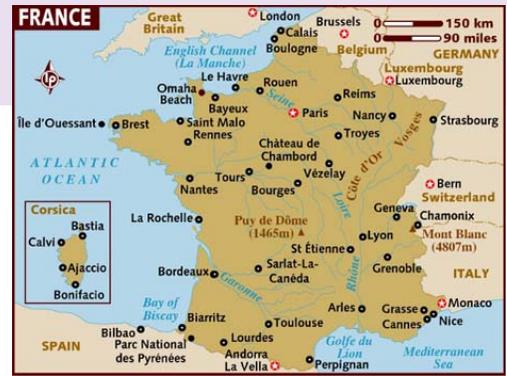
The Crnkovics have four children: Andrea, Kristina, Marko, and Natanael.



FRANCE

France covers a geographical area slightly smaller than the state of Texas, yet serves as home to nearly 61 million people compared to Texas's 23½ million.

Though at least 50 percent of present-day French still classify themselves under the umbrella of Catholicism, a recent survey has categorized only 8 percent as “practicing” (attending mass at least once per month). The traditions of Catholicism and its “saints” are ever-present, but the country’s population is becoming increasingly secular. Only 2 percent claim the designation “Protestant” (compared to 30 percent in Europe generally), a label which includes Lutherans, Pentecostals, Seventh-Day Adventists, and Evangelicals of all stripes. There are three times as many Muslims as Protestants in the nation. A 1995 commission on cult activities led to the labeling of several Protestant groups as cults, though generally they have been classified as “non-dangerous.”



Tim & Ruth Bixby

Tim and Ruth were both born into Christian families, and both accepted Christ as Savior at an early age. Both also graduated from homeschools before attending college. Tim was born in the Central African Republic where his parents were missionaries. Several years later the family moved to the field of Bordeaux, France, where Tim’s folks continue to minister. Ruth grew up outside of Raleigh, NC. As college students at Bob Jones University, Tim and Ruth became close friends while traveling several summers with the BJU Musical Mission Team to Europe. They were married in September 2000.



Tim received a Bachelor of Arts in Bible in 2000 and a Master of Arts in Bible from the BJU Seminary in 2003. Ruth earned a Bachelor of Arts in Print Journalism in 1998 and a Master of Music in Church Music in 2000. Tim was the pastor of Cleveland Park Bible Church for 5 years before becoming a missionary to France. They moved to France in June 2009.

Tim and Ruth have four children: Micaiah, Miriam, Zacharie, and Gabriel.

Michael & Liz Cole

Michael and Liz both made professions of faith at the age of 5 years old. However, while working at Northland Camp in Wisconsin, Liz realized her doubts of salvation were well founded. It was then that she truly put her trust in Christ.



Raised in Georgia and North Carolina, Michael returned to the city of his birth, Greenville, SC, to attend college. He and Liz, who is from Indiana, met during graduate studies at Bob Jones University and were married in 2003. They joined Cleveland Park Bible Church in Spartanburg, SC, where they became a vital part of the ministry.

Michael earned a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Missions in 1999, a Master of Arts in Theology in 2001, and completed his PhD in Theology in 2008. Liz received a Bachelor of Science in English Education in 2000 from Maranatha Baptist Bible College and a Master of Science in Biblical Counseling from BJU in 2002.

The Coles moved to France to begin their ministry there in December 2011. The Coles have four children: Viviane, Adeline, Mathieu, and Thomas.

INDIA



India is a diversely beautiful country full of life, energy and culture. It is the second largest country in the world with more than 1.2 billion inhabitants. It will have the world's fastest growing economy by the end of 2016. It is also one of the most religious countries in the world with their most popular religion being Hinduism. Christianity is growing in India, but still more than 400 million people have never heard the name of Jesus.

India poses a unique and difficult challenge to carrying out the great commission because it is closed to foreign missionaries. We must support those Christians living in India who have taken up the challenge and are working to spread the message of salvation to their own people. Our mission is to equip the Christian leaders of India with theological knowledge so that they can impact their own neighborhoods and societies – nationals reaching nationals. The goal of One Fair Chance and Good News Bible College and Seminary is to take the gospel to all corners of the Indian nation.

Billy and Saritha

Billy was brought up in a God-fearing family. Both of Billy's great grandfathers served as missionaries to Myanmar (Burma). From a young age, Billy was active in his father's ministry, although he didn't repent of his sins, put faith in Christ, and get baptized until the age of 16. In India Billy earned an MBA in Finance and a Bachelor of Arts in Theology. Most recently he earned a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry at Shepherds Theological Seminary in Cary, NC.

Saritha was born into a Christian family. Although she attended Sunday school and youth events, her life was not transformed by the gospel until she started personally exploring the purpose of life. As a result of her grandmother's godly influence and her own study of the Bible, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized in her teens.

You can find out more about Billy and Saritha's ministry at the One Fair Chance and Good News Bible College & Seminary websites.

Billy and Saritha have one daughter named Bernice.



MEXICO



Though Mexico is a federal republic, the Roman Catholic Church, to which about ninety percent of the people belong, exerts a great influence in the government. In spite of the church's political power, regular church attendance is practiced by only a tenth of the people. Historically, government opposition to Protestant missionaries has made church planting efforts in Mexico difficult. There is even open persecution of Christians in some villages. There are still many opportunities for evangelism, church planting, and training of the Mexican Christians through Bible institutes and Christian schools. Though many of the smaller villages and cities are culturally closed to outsiders, the larger cities are ripe for the Gospel message.

Marco & Gwendolyn Nuñez

Marco emigrated from Mexico to the United States in 1966 at the age of twenty-one, along with his mother and two sisters. While attending college and working in Detroit, Michigan, he heard the Gospel message and accepted the Lord as his Savior in 1969. After a two-year stint in the U.S. Army, Marco began attending Bob Jones University, where he received a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education and then a master's degree in School Administration. He taught in and administered various Christian schools until he felt the Lord's call in 1994 to return to BJU to prepare himself for a preaching ministry. During his next two years at BJU, Marco's heart was turned back to his native land. Marco joined the family of EMU International as a missionary to Mexico in 1995. As a result of several trips to Mexico, Marco felt that the Lord would have him start a church in Cancún. Before 1970 Cancún was a small fishing hamlet on the tip of the Yucatán Peninsula; but then the Mexican government began to develop this village into an international resort. When Marco first visited the town in 1983, there were only a few thousand people working there. Now there are almost one million Mexicans living in Cancún, most of whom work in service jobs for the resort industry. Because it is a fairly new city, the populace is without traditional family roots in the area or in the local Catholic church. The people are much more open to the message of the Gospel than Mexicans in many other regions. After only a year on the field, God blessed Marco with a wonderful wife from the United States. Gwendolyn was a Christian school teacher for several years after graduating from BJU. She even taught in two mission schools. During a short visit to Cancún, Gwendolyn met Marco. The two subsequently fell in love via letters and phone calls. They were married in Cancún in 1998. Within a few years of moving to Cancún, Marco established the First Fundamental Baptist Church of Cancún. He also began a Bible school in the church to train other nationals. Seven graduates have been commissioned by First Fundamental Baptist of Cancún to begin churches in other parts of Mexico: Chemax (Yucatán province), Valladolid (Yucatán), Santa Martha (Chiapas), Becal (Campeche), Limbano (Tabasco), Playa del Carmen (Quintana Roo), and Puerto Morelos (Quintana Roo). For up-to-date news and photographs of the Nuñezes' ministry, visit Marco and Gwendolyn's blog. <http://manggn.blogspot.com/>



NATIONAL MEXICAN WORKERS



Ciro Alverado Family
Santa Martha, Chiapas



Toño Alvarado Family
Puerto Morelos, Q.R.



Pascual Balam Family
Chemax, Yucatán



Tomas Noh Family
Playa del Carmen, Q.R



Vicente Puc Family
Valladolid, Yucatan



Jose Luis Uc Family
Becal, Campeche

PERU



Peru is 81.3% Roman Catholic, but during the second half of the twentieth century a concerted effort was made by some fundamental missionary agencies to evangelize Peru and establish indigenous churches. Peru now has a strong core of Bible-believing churches and Bible training centers.

Tim & Cheryl Chapman

Tim Chapman is the second son of Tom and Connie, EMU missionaries in Antofagasta, Chile. Though not born in Chile, Tim spent several years with his parents in Santiago, where he learned Spanish and something of the South American culture. He then returned to Greenville, SC, to study Social Studies Education at Bob Jones University. After graduating in 1998, Tim traveled with the Steve Pettit Evangelistic Team for three years. It was then that he met Cheryl, who was also a member of the team. Cheryl, too, was raised in a Christian home and attended BJU, majoring in Elementary Education and going on to earn a Master's in Counseling. After their marriage in 2001, Tim began classes at Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, where he secured a Master's of Theology.

As a result of the Lord's leading, a love for evangelistic work, and two visits to Peru, Tim and Cheryl met with the Board of EMU in 2004 to express their desire to become missionaries to Peru in the area of evangelism. Since going to Peru in September 2006, they have attended and ministered in one of Lima's fundamental churches. Over the last 8 years, Tim has preached for numbers of evangelistic campaigns, camps, and conferences. They have also directed several camps and retreats in Peru during this time. For the last two years, Tim has been serving as interim pastor for their church in Lima, and Lord willing, until the end of 2015, he will be working to help the church transition to a Peruvian pastor. Tim and Cheryl are burdened to leave the ministry of full-time evangelism to be able to plant a new church in an urban part of central Lima sometime in the near future.



EMU USA

Mel & Jan Wingrove

Mel was raised in a Christian home in Connellsville, PA, where he and his family attended a local Baptist church. In the 5th grade, he attended a Bible study at his public school, and it was there that he trusted Christ as his Savior. Jan grew up in a Mennonite church. Though this particular church did not believe that children could be saved, her mother, who became a Christian as a child, led her to the Lord when Jan was in early elementary school. Because of her church's teaching, Jan had many doubts about her salvation until, as a freshman at Bob Jones University, she finally settled the matter with the Lord.

Mel and Jan were married in 1965, the same year Mel graduated with a Bible degree from BJU. Jan received her Education degree the following year, also from BJU.

They both taught in several Christian schools after graduation. In the 1970s the school at which they were teaching took a group of young people to the Wilds Christian Camp in Brevard, NC. It was there that the Wingroves heard George Jensen, the summer missionary speaker, teach on missions. The Wingroves signed up for the EMU Newsletter and followed the ministry over the years through this paper.

In 1980 Mel began pastoring Flatwoods Baptist Church in Vanderbilt, PA. Believing that the Lord was leading them out of the pastorate, Mel resigned his position in 2000, and the Wingroves moved to Leicester, NC. In 2001 the Wingroves read in the EMU Newsletter of the mission's need for a field representative. Mel and Jan have been traveling around the USA presenting the work of EMU International since 2002. (To set up a service in your church for the Wingroves, please contact the main office.) The Wingroves have two adult daughters: Lisa and Rebekah.



10-40 Window

Ted & Marla

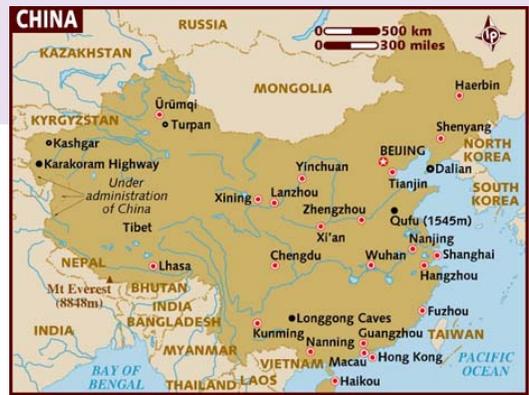
Ted and Marla both grew up in South Carolina, and they were both raised in Christian homes. Ted spent the first two decades of his life in coastal Charleston. As a college student he decided to experience the things of the world, but he found them to be vain in bringing true happiness and purpose to life. Ted gave his heart and life to Christ in 1973. Shortly after he earned a BS in biology at the College of Charleston, Ted enrolled at Bob Jones University where he earned a BS in secondary education followed by an MA in Bible. It was during those university years that Ted and Marla met.

Marla was raised in Greenville where her parents worked at BJU. She graduated from Bob Jones Academy and the University. Having been saved at a very young age, Marla had the desire from her childhood to serve the Lord full-time. When Marla was 10 years old, her father became the pastor of Hampton Park Baptist Church in Greenville.

Ted and Marla were married in 1979. Believing the Lord would have them teach God's Word in West Africa, the couple became missionaries to Togo in 1987 and served there for the next eleven years. Having returned to Greenville to settle and transition their three sons, it was their intent to return to Togo someday. Ted became an assistant pastor at Hampton Park Baptist Church during those intervening years. However, rather than return to Togo, the Lord led Ted into the ministry of modular teaching in 10/40 countries. Ted and Marla joined EMU International in 2008.



CHINA



Soon after the ascension of Communist rule in 1949, foreign missionaries were expelled, and Chinese Christians came under great persecution throughout the country. But rather than stifling the Church, the state opposition actually resulted in an accelerated spread and acceptance of the Gospel. In an effort to oversee and regulate Protestant churches, the Communist Party established the Three Self Patriotic Movement, to which all government-approved churches were to belong. Since the end of the Cultural Revolution in the 1970s, house churches (often referred to as “underground” churches because they refuse to join the Three Self Patriotic Movement) have flourished.

China continues to be closed to overt foreign missionary activity; however, some unique opportunities have developed in recent years for the spread of the Gospel by foreigners. China’s major regional economic competitor is India. As a result of British colonialism, India has a workforce well versed in English, the trade language of the world. Throughout China, public and private schools for teaching English have sprung up, bringing a demand for English-speaking teachers. The government issues work permits to these teachers to remain in China on a year-to-year basis.

Though Christian English teachers are not permitted to openly proselytize in the classroom or on the streets, there are many opportunities to share one’s faith through explaining certain aspects of Western culture, such as Christmas and Easter, or by explaining how Christianity played a role in the settlement and development of the USA. It is also possible to hold Bible studies with individual students who request more knowledge of the Gospel.

Although the Chinese schools pay their English teachers, the salaries are often such that supplemental support is needed to meet expenses an American teacher might have.

These same opportunities can be realized by other expatriates in China who are residing as students or working as professionals

Steve & Charity Erkens

Steve and Charity were both raised in Christian homes. Steve put faith in Christ when he was in high school, and Charity became a believer when she was 5 years old. Charity’s father is the current director of EMU International, so Charity had a lot of exposure to missions growing up. In 1998, while in college, Steve went on a summer mission trip to China. That trip had a great impact on him, and he felt that God was calling him back to China in the future.

After graduating from Bob Jones University in 2000, Steve and Charity went to Beijing as English teachers. They spent 13 years in China before moving back to the States in June 2013 to work in the home office to assist the director.

Steve and Charity are currently in Beijing. Please contact Steve at steve@emuinternational.org or the home office for more information.

They have 3 boys who were all “made in China”: Caleb, Luke, and Jacob.





STATEMENT OF FAITH

EMU was founded as a conservative, essentially Baptist mission. Each member of the mission affirms the following articles:

I. We believe that the Scriptures (both the Old and the New Testaments) are verbally inspired by God and thus inerrant in the original autographs and that they are of infallible, supreme, and final authority for faith and practice.

II. We believe that God is One, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as revealed in the Bible, the Word of God.

III. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ and in His virgin birth (conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary). We believe in His identity as true God and true man; in His sinless life; in His vicarious atoning death; in His bodily resurrection; in His ascension to the right hand of the Father; and in His personal, visible, bodily, premillennial return to power and glory.

IV. We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned, and that he thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. We believe that all human beings are born with a sinful nature that is totally depraved.

V. We believe that salvation is by regeneration through faith in the shed blood of the risen Christ and that all who thus accept Him are born again of the Spirit.

VI. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; in the eternal blessedness of the saved; and in the eternal, conscious suffering of the lost in hell.

VII. We believe in the present ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit, obligating and enabling every believer to live a godly life. We believe in the unity of all believers in Christ.

VIII. We believe in the Great Commission: that the evangelization of the world in this generation is the chief task of the church and the privilege and responsibility of all those who acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus Christ ("Jesus Christ is Lord of all," Acts 10:36).

IX. We believe in the two ordinances of the church: the Lord's Supper and Baptism (by immersion).

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