

Mission of Grace | Carries, Haiti

"Mission of Grace is a Christ-centered organization seeking to meet the needs of Haitians through love and compassion. The vision and hope of our founder, Ms. Lynn Joseph, is that Carries would become City of Grace, known as a city on a hill whose light cannot be put out. One of the things that makes our mission somewhat unique, is that we are embedded in the community. We did not build a compound to bring the needy in to, rather we are in and among them every day. Our buildings are in the midst of the people we are ministering to, and our daily lives are woven together. The goal is not to simply improve the quality of life, but to train and equip the future leaders of Haiti." (www.missionofgracehaiti.com)



Daniel and Andrea Ryder CRU | Buenos Aires, Argentina

I (Dan), my wife Andrea along our children David, Nicole, and Camila serve God with Cru...and after 37 years (me) and 31 years (Andrea) in several ministry roles such as campus evangelists, missionary trainers, and ministry directors both in the U. S. and in Argentina, we currently hold leadership positions in Cru's Argentina headquarters in Buenos Aires

Our 24-year old son David lives with us, with 1 year left to get his university degree in Political Science. 20-year old Nicole is a junior studying Public Relations at the University of Palermo, and 16-year old Cami is a high school junior here in Buenos Aires.

What do we do in ministry with Cru in Argentina? Everything...it's a place with great harvest fields for the gospel, yet fewer laborers than are needed. My passions lie along helping pastors and denominational leaders plant churches (both by training, and hands-on modeling alongside them); and helping young national leaders with development and strategies ideally suited for them. I'm part of Cru's Global Church Ministry, seeking to help plant 10 million new churches by the year 2020. Andrea enjoys women's ministries, is a leader at church, and has been effective as a national leader with Cru's High School ministry.



Eric & Kathy Gundy | Torchbearers International Erseke, Albania

Eric is The Program Director for the summer camps here. He is responsible for activities and staff. About 1,500 campers have attended camp from all over Albania during a previous summer. Eric is also the Principal of the Bible School. This is a 6 month international Bible school with half the students being Albanian and half from North America, Europe and even New Zealand. He invites the teachers, grades the student projects, prepares the schedules as well as handles any other student problems that may arise. Eric is also on the leadership team of the church which includes preaching on occasion. Kathy organizes the finances of the foundations, helps with the kids at risk in the after school tutoring, and helps with clothes distribution.



Ljilijana Banicek | Evangelical Union of Students (EUS) Banja Luka, Sarajevo, and Tuzla: Bosnia-Herzegovina

Our vision as a movement of the International Fellowship of International Students is to see students built into communities of disciples, transformed by the gospel and impacting the university, the church and society for the glory of Christ. In a country with less than 500 evangelical believers, and very few student believers, our main way of reaching this goal is try to reach out to high-schoolers and students with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

How do we do this? We try to find ways to get to know young people, and through building trust and friendship, share the gospel with them, all the time working alongside the local churches. We do this through numerous different ways: we run mission week events, get to know students through language classes – including English, German and Spanish, create opportunities to invite them to bible studies and eventually, hopefully to church. Another way is through supporting projects run by the local churches: an example of this is a project which is giving high-schoolers and students opportunities for volunteering in the local Children's Home. We have come alongside this project and engage the volunteers, getting to know them, and inviting and running bible studies for them.

EUS in a ministry in association with InterVarsity and the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES).



Aron & Cessie Rice | Pioneers, USA Amazon Jungle, Pucallpa, Peru

Ministry Platform: Church planting among the 33 unreached tribes of the Peruvian Amazon. Aron and Cessie's day to day responsibilities are as team leaders of trainers for missionaries who come down to live long-term in a tribal community.

The transition from US western culture to living in a hut by a river speaking a language only 10,000 people know in the whole world is a huge leap for most missionaries. We literally live at the end of the modern world and train people to live more primitively using off-the-grid strategies and simple living techniques while at the same time learning a tribal language with the goal of planting a New Testament-style church in the tribe's heart language. We are team leaders of a training program for new missionaries that takes between 1 and 2 years to complete before they are ready to move long-term to a tribal community.

We love what we do and we love living in Peru. It is much different than anything in the US but helping new missionaries adjust to this new environment and for them to do it for 15+ years is a challenge worthy of our full effort. It is for the sake of bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who otherwise would never know that Jesus exists and loves them deeply.

Additional Ministries: Cessie teaches High School English at the Missionary Kid School and Aron is on the upper leadership team for the continent of South America doing counseling and missionary care for fellow Pioneers missionaries in six countries.