

APRIL - GLOBAL WORKERS REVIEW

Mike and Megan Elkins with Keene, Kohen, and Isaac (Uganda, South Sudan, and Kenya): This past month, the Elkins and His Voice Global welcomed a Stonegate team to Arua! Both teams celebrated Good Friday and Easter Sunday with Shine Friends, Shine Kids, and Thrive Students who were visiting home for the holiday. As their trip concludes, please pray for safe travels and warm farewells as the team prepares to fly home soon.

Sid and Wendy Harper; Grafted Together (USA and East Africa): The Harpers have recently expanded their care ministry to welcome more missionaries in need of coaching, counseling, and debrief care. With each new relationship, they are reminded of how important it is to help people feel seen, supporting, and not alone. Recently, Sid and Wendy led families through a five-part series on burnout – both in ministry and on the mission field. The strong response to this series has encouraged them to begin planning a follow-up series focused on Sabbath rest.

On a more personal note, Sid and Wendy shared that this month was filled with meaningful moments and sweet family milestones. Highlights included visits to Australia to meet their grandson and attend his baby dedication, exciting progress for their daughter, Mercy, as she has been approved for a service dog, and a joyful season for their daughter, Kenlie, as she and her husband prepare to welcome a baby girl. Sid and Wendy also got to celebrate their son Levi, who finished his senior Special Olympics basketball season with a silver medal. Looking ahead, Sid and Wendy are excited to celebrate again in July at the wedding of their daughter, Emmy.

Hannah Payken (Kandern, Germany): A few months ago, Hannah shared how she begun partnering with the Advance Placement Biology teacher at BFA to provide students with extra help as they prepare to take the AP Bio test in May. During this class, Hannah shared that she was surprised by how many non-test related conversations she has had. Most teachers may be put off by this, but for Hannah, she embraced the students' questions. She shared how one student has begun coming to her asking hard hitting spiritual questions. Hannah shared that although she was sent to Germany to teach science, these conversations have served as good reminders that God has called her not just to educate, but to disciple the next generation by pointing them to Truth – intellectually and spiritually.

Outside the classroom, Hannah has enjoyed hosting many Bible study and community groups, visits from family during the holidays, and even connected with Missionary Partners, Al and Ginger Yowell, at a GEM Conference! As Hannah finishes out the spring semester, please be in prayer for students whose families live in the Middle East and have been affected by the current regional crisis. While everyone is currently safe, many BFA students were unable to reunited with family over spring break.

Bruno and Suellen Siqueira with Pedro and Levi (Northwest Brazil, State of Acre): The new year has barely begun, and already the Siqueiras are feeling the fatigue of ministry. In January, Bruno completed and passed his periodic medical and flight proficiency exams and has since completed several large flight projects with his aviation partner, Kyle—many of which required multiple round trips in a single day. While a new year typically brings a sense of renewed strength and reflection, this season has left the Siqueiras with little space to truly rest.

Bruno shared that they are learning rest is not merely a choice, but a necessity to guarding their well-being. In the coming weeks, they hope to find some much-needed rest as they travel to the United States for annual field manager meetings. Although the trip will include work, they are excited for the opportunity to visit friends while there.

Upon returning to Brazil, Bruno will quickly resume a full schedule, with three major flight projects already planned for May. Bruno and Suellen have faithfully served in Acre, Brazil, for nearly five years. While they have had brief periods of rest, none have been sufficient. Recognizing this need, the Siqueiras have made the decision to take a six-month furlough beginning in June.

During this time, all aviation programming will be entrusted to their coworkers, Kyle and Whitney. Bruno and Suellen have asked for prayer over this season—that they would pursue rest with wisdom and use this time to renew their minds, bodies, and spirits. They also ask for prayer for their coworkers, who have graciously taken on the full responsibility of managing projects while the Siqueiras are away.

Cheyenne and Priscila Solis with Savannah, Lian, and Katie (Bangkok, Thailand): For the last few weeks, the Solises have been worshipping with Avana Church, a Thai fellowship in Bangkok. They have already made great connections and are excited for future partnerships with the Thai Church. This past week, over the Easter holiday, Cheyenne and Priscilla also welcomed a team from Mexico who joined them in sharing the Gospel with those who had never heard it before!