

SUMMER - GLOBAL WORKERS REVIEW

Mike and Megan Elkins with Keene, Kohen, and Isaac (Uganda, South Sudan, and Kenya): In partnership with several local churches, the Elkins have launched a one-year Daily Bread Literacy Program, which combines Bible stories, Scripture, images, and conversation to build English literacy and communication skills. They highlighted two SHINE friends, Beatrice and Alice, whose enthusiastic participation in the initiative continues to demonstrate the program's broad impact for empowering communities across Uganda.

As many may know, the Elkins had planned to return to the U.S. later this summer to prepare their son, Keene, for his freshman year at John Brown University. However, concerns about potential travel restrictions related to the Ebola outbreak in the DRC and Uganda led them to accelerate those plans. Megan and the boys have since safely settled back in the states. Mike plans to reunite with them in mid-July.

Mike also shared that the Arise ministry staff are actively helping educate local communities about Ebola prevention, symptoms, and appropriate medical responses while faithfully implementing every Ministry of Health standard operating procedure. Mike and Megan requested prayer for the Ebola outbreak to remain contained and ultimately stopped, for the protection of healthcare workers and caregivers, wisdom as organizations make difficult operational decisions, and for their family to reunite swiftly and safely.

Jonathan (Laz) and Kristen Lazarini with Kendra, Honey, Nayeli, Adelyn, Joaquin, and Justus (Chiang Mai, Thailand): The Lazarini family continues to prayerfully anticipate the possibility of returning to Myanmar after two years in Thailand. Although Myanmar remains engulfed in civil war, the revolution appears to have reached a stalemate, potentially creating a window of opportunity for them to return to Darkstone within the next year. While their hearts long to return to MY, the Lazarini's continue serving with joy and faith in Thailand.

This year marks 10 years of ministry in Southeast Asia for Jonathan and Kristen! They report continued ministry work focused on prayer, discipleship, medical training, university outreach, and evangelism. Laz and Kristen recently hosted a medical refresher training for Myanmar nurses, covering topics such as baby delivery in resource-limited settings, ultrasound techniques, and strategies for sharing the Gospel as they serve. Laz is also wrapping up a busy teaching season at the university hospital while preparing to take the Thai medical board exam within the next year.

Despite many attacks and attempts from the enemy to steal their joy, the Lazarini's continue praising God for his faithfulness. A few key highlights include Kendra openly sharing her faith with her parents and applying to university; Nayeli celebrating her Quinceañera, competing in four international Jiu-Jitsu competitions, and encouraging her friends and competitors with the Gospel; Adelyn discovering a love for basketball; Honey preparing to graduate high school and aspiring to study Zoology at Texas A&M University; and Joaquin and Justus continuing to mature in their relationship with Jesus.

Hannah Payken (Kandern, Germany): With the school year officially complete, Hannah reflected on the last few months of teaching. In Biology, students explored the origins of life by comparing evolution and intelligent design. In Health class, they covered topics including drugs and alcohol, healthy relationships, human development, sex ed., CPR and first aid, and even EpiPen use. Hannah was deeply encouraged by her student's feedback, sharing that these moments of impact are one of the many reasons she loves being a teacher!

As Hannah wraps up current responsibilities, she plans to return to the United States for the 2026–2027 school year to rest, reconnect with supporters, and prepare for a future return to ministry in Germany.

Bruno and Suellen Siqueira with Pedro and Levi (Northwest Brazil, State of Acre): The Siqueiras have officially begun their 6-month sabbatical from missionary aviation to focus on their physical, emotional, and spiritual health. During this season of rest and renewal, Bruno hopes their family will have the opportunity to visit some of their supporting churches and reconnect with family and friends.

Cheyenne and Priscila Solis with Savannah, Lian, and Katie (Bangkok, Thailand): The Solis family is officially back in the U.S. for the summer! During their time here they plan to reconnect with friends and family, share updates from ministry life, and invite new partners to their generosity team. If you missed the announcement, the Solises have transitioned from serving with the International Mission Board (IMB) to Global Frontier Mission (GFM), an organization committed to mobilizing, training, and multiplying disciples and churches that address both the tangible and spiritual needs of least-reached people groups.

Earlier this year, the Solises officially joined GFM's Bangkok Hub Team, where they help equip and send future church planters and missionaries to serve the Global South and region of Southeast Asia. Bangkok is in the heart of the Buddhist world and is surrounded by 77 unreached people groups. We have every confidence that this new role is exactly where Cheyenne and Priscila are meant to be. Their new roles align well with their gifts and experience, and we are excited for all God will do through them during this new season of ministry.

As the Solises build their generosity team, we invite you to consider partnering financially and joining the Solises in sharing Jesus with one of the most spiritually dead places in the world. To join their generosity team, please visit www.globalfrontiermissions.org/donate.