



THE GLOBAL WORKERS REVIEW

Drs. Trevor and Rebeca Bell with Luci, Penny, and Teo (Guinea, West Africa): After hearing reports of increased activity in Mali, Trevor and Rebeca shared a life update with SG from Guinea. While violence has not crossed into Guinea, tension remains high along the border, leading to many violent encounters. As a result, the Bells no longer travel near the Mali border—a significant change for missionaries in the region, as Bamako was the closet international airport and common travel hub. Growing instability has also resulted in a fuel crisis that has reached into Guinea. Many people are buying large quantities of fuel locally to resell across the border at a profit, leaving residents with limited access.

Trevor also asked for prayer for their WorldVentures teacher, who is carrying a heavy workload teaching students from several countries, spanning across multiple grades and skill levels—including the Bell children. The strain has begun affecting her health, prompting Rebeca to step in to help lighten the load. Although Rebeca is happy to assist, the additional duties have reduced her medical availability and increased overall stress for the family. Amid these challenges, Trevor reported that construction on the new medical building continues, and as the nation stabilizes, he hopes to expand outreach to more unreached villages. Trevor closed by expressing gratitude for Stonegate’s care and ongoing partnership.

Diego and Gladys Campelo with Anita, Esteban, and Cesia (Spain, West Africa, and MENA):

Thanksgiving week, Stonegate received a video message from Diego where he expressed his gratitude for the ongoing partnership with Stonegate and shared about the many opportunities his family gets to be involved in because of the generosity of their supporters. Opposed to repeating his messages, we invite you to listen to Deigo’s video by clicking the link [HERE](#). To watch the video with English subtitles, simply follow the steps below.

1. Click the CC button  at the bottom of the video until it is solid white. This turns subtitles on.
2. Next, click the Settings button  and click the “Subtitle/CC” bar.
3. Click “Auto-translate” and select English.

Mike and Megan Elkins with Keene, Kohen, and Isaac (Uganda, South Sudan, and Kenya): This past month, the Elkins arrived in Midland to celebrate Thanksgiving with family. They gathered at Casa del Sol, the local missionary house, where they enjoyed a true West Texas Thanksgiving feast – Rosas! Earlier this month, the Elkins also joined friends at Stonegate for a Christmas party. During the evening, Mike shared some exciting ministry updates that will significantly improve SHINE operations. Banja, a friend of the Elkins, has partnered with His Voice Global to create an app that geolocates every SHINE friend, stores their information, and helps the HVG team stay on task with organized workflows and frequent action reminders. Previously, the SHINE team relied entirely on paper files to meet the needs of nearly 300 SHINE Friends. As the ministry continues to grow, tools like this are essential for ensuring no SHINE Friend is neglected and that the team can continue providing effective, high-quality care. Additionally, Mike and Megan shared a few family updates: their oldest son, Isaac, recently graduated from university, and their son Keene was accepted to John Brown University in Arkansas. Later this week, the Elkins will visit the campus for a second time before heading to Missouri to spend the Christmas season with Megan’s family.

Bill and Julie Johnson (North America/First Nations and West Africa): Before Thanksgiving, the Johnsons met with the Missions team and shared exciting updates about Harvesters and their evolving role within the organization. Bill explained that in the coming year, Harvesters plans to divide the world into six regions, each overseen by a regional director. The Johnsons have been personally invited to serve as one of these directors. Bill and Julie are eager to step into this new leadership structure and are hopeful the strategy will advance local churches and more effectively equip future church planters. They continue faithfully serving the Native American community and church; however, Bill and Julie have begun recognizing several barriers to church growth. Traditions hold strong within the community, resulting in many youth and young adults disengaging from church life. Additionally, the local church is primarily composed of 30-50 familial groups who have yet to recognize that their mission field can—and should—extend beyond themselves. The Johnsons feel compelled to challenge these suppositions and help teach that biblical missions is not limited to one's own group or culture—nor is it someone else's responsibility to go, but the command for all who follow Christ.

Hannah Payken (Kandern, Germany): As the fall semester draws to a close, Hannah shared how much she has loved watching her students grow into curious, “critical analyzers”. Labs have provided hands-on opportunities for students to explore the wonders of creation. Even when experiments go awry, Hannah is eager to encourage students to improve through reflection, problem-solving, and new strategies development. Labs have also inspired more creative projects. In Hannah's Biology class, students created food webs using photos of local organisms, while in Health class, they designed educational posters highlighting the importance of caring for the body. Hannah has been proud to see her students thrive academically and creatively this semester and prays that, as holiday breaks interrupt momentum and Christmas break around the corner, both student and staff stay motivated to finish the semester strong. Lastly, please join us in praying for Hannah as she prepares for minor thyroid treatment in February. She specifically asks for God's provision in surrounding her with skilled and compassionate people for her care team, for the treatment to be effective, and for it to be scheduled at a time that minimizes missed school days.

Jonathan (Laz) and Kristen Lazarini with Honey, Nayeli, Adeline, Joaquin, and Justus (Chiang Mai, Thailand): For those who are unaware, Kristen Lazarini is not just an amazing medical missionary but also a talented watercolor artist. This past month, Kristen released her new 2026 Rooted and Radiant Prayer Calendar, along with a set of monthly prayer cards. As the year concludes and you begin searching for the perfect 2026 calendar for your home, we encourage you to help support the Lazarini's by purchasing one of Kristen's calendars. To purchase the Rooted and Radiant Calendar, or view many other works by Kristen, please visit <https://www.watercolorsofglory.com/>.

Bruno and Suellen Siqueira with Pedro and Levi (Northwest Brazil, State of Acre): As previously reported, Bruno and his team have recently expanded operations to the Rio Branco region to better support remote teams and communities. However, their current hangar access is ending, and without a permanent base, helicopter services—which provide vital supplies, medical support, and transportation—would be reduced or halted. Without air support, missionaries face long, difficult, and sometimes dangerous journeys by foot. To ensure long-term aviation stability, Bruno's team has identified suitable land for a permanent helicopter hanger. They have already developed plans for the project and are now focused on securing the necessary funds for the project. Bruno has specifically requested prayer for protection during end-of-year flights as they enter the rainy season, for health and continued development for their family as they fight illness and navigate homeschooling, and for their team to maintain strong and healthy relationships.

Cheyenne and Priscila Solis with Savannah, Lian, and Katie (Bangkok, Thailand): Despite the many challenges faced the last few weeks, the Solis family is reminded of God's great love and mercy. Cheyenne expressed gratitude for the prayers and support they've received as they navigate this season. Recently, they celebrated Savannah and Lian's second volleyball season, where their teams finished 2nd and 3rd. Katie has been enjoying a semester off from sports, spending her time with friends and family. A few weeks ago, Savannah celebrated her 16th birthday, while Lian celebrated her 14th birthday the day after Thanksgiving. Cheyenne has requested prayer for protection against spiritual warfare, for the Thai community to open their hearts to Truth, for continued progress in language learning, and for their hearts to be comforted as they miss friends and family this holiday season.

Al and Ginger Yowell (Frankfurt, Germany): This fall, the Yowells have been focusing on connecting and supporting younger missionaries stepping into new leadership roles. These transitions often bring stress and anxiety, and in a generation already experiencing rising rates of anxiety and depression in normal circumstances, we can only imagine how these emotions are compounded when adjusting to new life, responsibilities, culture, and language. As they come alongside the next generation of global workers, Al and Ginger have requested prayer for wisdom in learning how best to support them. Recently, their team spent a week in Cologne, Germany, meeting with GEM members and discovering creative approaches to community outreach. This Thanksgiving, the Yowells were reminded that ministry's sweetest moments often come from small, simple experiences—from Al walking hand-in-hand with a child to sharing a piece of Texas Thanksgiving tradition with new friends. Ministry is always richer when done in community.