

## Mt. Carmel Missionary Spotlight Newsletter

*Mt. Carmel is a disciple-making community with hearts of faith moved by the promises of God contained in the Gospel.*

**Marc and Jessi Buxton** – Marc is from Florence, NC and loves golf, reading, college football, and coffee. His passion and calling are church planting and is currently leading a church plant in Marikina City, Metro Manila.

Jessi was born in Makati, Philippines, and her parents are missionaries as well. Jessi loves spending time with her family, shopping, and finding great deals.

Marc and Jessi are missionaries with a ministry of urban church planting committed to reaching this generation for Christ and transforming them into disciples that will reach the world.

Marc and Jessi are currently raising money for specific ministry projects throughout 2023.



Levi, Marc, Reece, Nicole, Jessi

- **Ministry Vehicle - \$15,000**

They need to replace one of their main vehicles that's now more than 15 years old. The exchange rate is in their favor right now, so they are hoping to make this purchase soon when the funds have been committed. This vehicle is used every day and will make a great impact on our work.

- **Church Plant Equipment - \$15,000**

This is for two church plants which both have a need for items such as a sound system, chairs, drum sets, sports equipment, and signage. These things will be a great help to these two pastors in helping them continue to reach their communities for Christ!

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### How you can pray for Marc and Jessi:

- Pray for the documents for the purchase of the new church property to be approved.
- Pray for the expansion of their Bible college, Global Life University, into Cambodia, Kenya, and Vietnam this year.
- Pray for their goal of sharing the gospel with 2,000 people every week through their magic ministry, Honest Deceiver Ministries.

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**Dan and Kathy Stokes** – Dan grew up in Luray, Virginia and attended Mt. Carmel Church from the time he was a child. He later attended Piedmont Bible College and was pastor of two churches in Michigan before joining Ethnos360 (formerly New Tribes Mission). Kathy grew up in Michigan and accepted the Lord at the age of 10 and has kept him at the forefront of her life ever since. She attended Michigan State University and transferred to Piedmont Bible College where she graduated and met Dan.





Dan and Kathy currently serve as representatives of Ethnos360. Their work includes recruiting missionary candidates and hosting missions trips. Recently, Dan has been meeting with pastors and speaking in churches to encourage them to send groups and young people to Ethnos360's Wayumi program in central Pennsylvania. Wayumi (pronounced *why/YOU/me*) is a word that Yanomamo Indians use to describe leaving their woods or home to go to another place for a period of time and for a specific purpose. It is similar to when we say we are going on a trip or on vacation, etc. Attending a Wayumi retreat is like going on an adventure in cross-cultural missions. Dan and Kathy desire to connect young adults who are searching for a purpose and ready for a challenge with Wayumi in hopes that the experience will not only strengthen their walk with the Lord but also help them discover something that is worth giving their lives for.

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### How you can pray for Dan and Kathy:

- Pray for God to raise up more laborers around the world to reach the lost with the gospel.
- Pray for them to be able to connect with those who are ready to be challenged.
- Pray for their health to continue to be good.
- Pray for God's hand of provision in meeting the need for another car soon.

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**Mt. Carmel's Monthly Contribution to our Missionaries:** The church monthly donation is a fixed donation, whereas the congregation's donations vary from month to month for each missionary.

Missionary	Mt. Carmel's February Contribution	Additional Donations	Monthly Total
Marc & Jessi Buxton	\$350	\$0.00	\$350
Dan & Kathy Stokes	\$300	\$0.00	\$300

Please go to [www.mcrbc.org/give](http://www.mcrbc.org/give) and complete the fields provided for whatever amount the Lord is putting on your heart to help any of our missionaries.

*The more you know about our Mt. Carmel missionaries, the easier it is to know how to help and support them with your prayers, finances, and words of encouragement. If you have a specific question about any of our missionaries or how you can be involved to help with their needs, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of the members of our Missions Team – Renee Grandstaff, Howard Leach, Lisa League, Frank Pierce, Caleb Routhier, Alison Seal, or Pastor Mike Nichols.*