

East White Oak  
**MISSIONS**   
“...Making Him Known”



Jenny Kohlrus serving with the African Children's Choir, 2007-2008

“Continue *earnestly in prayer*...praying for us, that God would *open to us a door for the Word*, to speak the mystery of Christ...” Colossians 4:2-3



## • Ministry Focus

*Erik and Jenny met at an InterVarsity leadership camp in college.* Jenny grew up here at EWO, becoming a Christian in AWANA. Erik grew up in Michigan, becoming a Christian in high school. In college they both saw God leading them to serve Him in ministry. After marrying, they joined IV staff at Millikin University and Richland Community College. Five years later, they became staff directors, nurturing leaders of several IV chapters in Illinois. This past summer, they took on a new adventure at the University of Illinois, in Champaign-Urbana. They now supervise all seven IV chapters at this university.



*Dinner with Latino Student Ministry*

## • Prayer Requests

### *InterVarsity Ministry*

- Praise God for such a great transition from Decatur to Champaign-Urbana.
- Pray for good connection to the 18 staff at U of I.
- Pray for the 600 students in IV to grow closer to Christ in the context of an academically hostile environment for Christians.



*Metamorphosis Conference*

### *Family*

- Pray for their boys Levi and Zion as they grow up in a home of open-door ministry.
- Praise God for our third child on the way (summer 2009).
- Pray that Erik and Jenny will find/make time for growing their marriage and personal relationship with Christ.
- Pray for wisdom as they lead leaders.



## • Ministry Focus

*Jerry and Genie have a heart to equip local churches to share their faith authentically with others.* From teaching at Calvary Baptist Academy, to college ministry, to pastoring Crossroads at Calvary Baptist Church, Jerry saw the need for Christians to be able to share their faith as part of everyday life. NYC Ministries was founded in 2001 after 8 years of seeing God work through short term trips where people from Crossroads/Calvary and other churches grew in sharing their faith. By 2006, parallel ministries combined with NYC ministries (Above the Rim, Intersection, DRL, Spread Hope, and SonLife) and Spread Truth was formed. Today the focus is threefold: Provide 1) innovative evangelism resources for local churches, 2) training to share your faith in an authentic manner, and 3) missions opportunities to put your faith into practice.



*First Baptist Church, Spanish Harlem, NY:  
Spread Truth provides Thanksgiving  
boxes for those in need.*

## • Prayer Requests

### **NYC Ministries**

- Praise God for the hundreds of people who develop their witness each year in NYC.
- Pray for people who receive Christ to grow as they connect with churches in the city.
- Pray for those who receive Thanksgiving meals each year to see Christ in this ministry.

### **Spread Truth**

- Praise God for the development of new resources ("Is There More to Life?" / "The Story").
- Pray for training courses to grow, producing witnesses in churches nationwide.
- Pray that people in our communities will see Christ as the true answer to life's questions.

### **Family**

- Pray for their son to grow in Christ as he teaches English in Costa Rica.
- Pray for discernment as they move forward with God's plans for their lives and ministry.
- Pray for deeper connection between them and our Savior.



*Mark Kuzdas is a kid magnet for Jesus!*



*Meg Kuzdas ministering to women in Los Guido*

## • Ministry Focus

**Mark and Meg fell in love with the people of Costa Rica** and moved there in 2002 to bring Christ to them. After language school, they started reaching communities through children using V.B.S. and other children's programs. Soon parents were drawn to Christ by the changes He made in their children. Discipleship then took hold and churches were planted in La Finca, Tejarcillos, Los Guido, and most recently, La Carpio. Today many teenagers and young adults are taking on discipleship roles with younger kids, and Christ is dramatically changing lives.

## • Prayer Requests

### **Church Leaders**

- Praise God for the leadership teams in place for C.I.F.
- Pray for their growth in Christ, His Word, and their faith.
- Pray for young Christians to follow leadership into greater service to Christ.

### **Local Churches**

- Praise God for 3 established ministries.
- Pray for church witness in the communities through economic and educational development.
- Pray for outreach into the 4<sup>th</sup> community of La Carpio. (Special thanks to EWO's team last month).

### **Family**

- Pray for their daughter Melinda to grow in Christ as she teaches English and helps develop micro-business opportunities.
- Pray for balance as they continue to grow in ministry scope and personal walk with Christ.



*Little ones at a recent VBS*



*Mark & Meg Kuzdas with their daughter Melinda and soon-to-be adopted daughters Valeria & Mariana*

# WANTED:

## Missionary Prayer Guide Communication Coordinators

Do you have a **heart**  
for our missionaries  
and a knack for  
**communication?**



We are looking for a team of individuals who will directly contact missionaries to be featured in a given month of our Missionary Prayer Guide. Your responsibility would be to gather their current pictures, prayer requests and key objectives, compile the information, then pass it on to the church office for publication.

### THE GOAL

To have three or four people on this team, working closely with Jim Simmons (Missions Teams Communication Coordinator) on rotation. Each team member would be in the driver's seat for one month and then have two months off as other team members handle the next missionary prayer guides. Or they may choose to work ahead for their next scheduled month, if they so desire.

### INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact Jim Simmons at 310-1376 or [jimsimmons@transcomps.com](mailto:jimsimmons@transcomps.com). Informational meetings will be scheduled for the month of March.



## 1-WEEK SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship needs your help in the kitchen, cabin and boat house.

Each Spring and Summer 1600 InterVarsity students from the Great Lakes Regions attend week-long training camps at Cedar Campus and Camp Timber Wolf in Michigan.

Most of the students attend in May prior to the camps summer crew arrival. We are looking for adults of all ages, from recent graduates to retirees, who could work a week or more at camp. Come alone or as a group from your church.

This volunteer experience is a ministry vacation—a time surrounded by nature's beauty, serving highly motivated college students as they seek to learn more about God and how to become our leaders of the future.

We need volunteers to assist:

- in the kitchen
- on the buildings and grounds
- in housekeeping

Room and board is covered. Travel costs are not covered. You will be able to attend evening worship and Bible exposition if you like. Help is needed from April 26 to May 31. Most camps run Saturday to Saturday but we can work around your schedule. May 10-17 is the week we need the most people.

For more information please contact Greg Hall at 773.573.5729 or [greg\\_hall@ivstaff.org](mailto:greg_hall@ivstaff.org).

If you are interested in a full summer working on crew at Cedar Campus please check out [www.intervarsity.org/cedar](http://www.intervarsity.org/cedar).

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