



Missionary Service Recognition



CINDY AND PETE EKSTRAND

Democratic Republic of the Congo and Yaounde, Cameroon
1981 – 2021

HELEN AND TIM SMITH

Democratic Republic of the Congo and Equatorial Guinea
1987 – 2021





ALETA AND ROY DANFORTH

Democratic Republic of the Congo and Central African Republic
1990 – 2021

NANCY JO HOOVER

Mexico, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, East Asia, and
Middle East North Africa (MENA)
1991 - 2020



DAVID AND RONNA HUSBY

Japan
1987 – 2010



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**IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE TO
GOD'S KINGDOM AND THE GLOBAL CHURCH
THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH RECOGNIZES
CINDY AND PETE EKSTRAND**

FOR WILLINGLY ACCEPTING the call to serve in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Yaounde, Cameroon, from 1981 to 2021;

FOR HUMBLY RECEIVING as privilege the opportunity to learn from and embrace the Congolese and Cameroonian cultures while joining the missio Dei in an often complex yet sacred context;

FOR FAITHFULLY serving alongside leaders and churches of CEUM, the Covenant Church in DR Congo;

FOR GRACIOUSLY ENCOURAGING both missionary colleagues and national friends through your gifts of pastoral care and hospitality as regional coordinators in Cameroon;

PETE, FOR EFFECTIVELY working in partnership with the CEUM facilitator of the Community Health Evangelism (CHE) ministry and serving leaders in an advisory role;

FOR FAITHFULLY representing the kingdom, working in mutual partnerships, strengthening local communities, serving the most vulnerable, transforming individuals, families, and communities, and affirming dignity;

CINDY, FOR STEADFAST LEADERSHIP in women's ministry, pastoral care, teaching English, and hosting visiting teams;

FOR FAITHFULLY PROVIDING administrative support, efficient problem-solving, reliable insights, and valuable team contributions, as well as the essential ministry of hospitality;

PETE AND Cindy, FOR COMPASSIONATELY AND GRACIOUSLY SHARING your home and lives with many friends and guests for the last 40 years;

FOR AUTHENTICALLY LOVING one another and others, and modeling what it looks like to live as citizens of the kingdom of God;

WE ALWAYS THANK GOD FOR YOU...your faith has shown itself in action, your love in labor, and your hope of our Lord Jesus Christ in fortitude (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3).

Presented on this 25th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one.



JOHN WENRICH, PRESIDENT



AL TIZON, EXECUTIVE MINISTER, SERVE GLOBALLY

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HELEN AND TIM SMITH**

FOR WILLINGLY ACCEPTING the call to serve in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Equatorial Guinea from 1987 to 2021, a dream that began with their short-term service in the late 1970s;

FOR HUMBLY RECEIVING as privilege the opportunity to learn from and embrace the Congolese and Guinean cultures while joining the missio Dei in an often complex yet sacred context;

FOR FAITHFULLY serving within the discipleship ministry and providing Bible school teaching in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

FOR GRACIOUSLY ENCOURAGING others, both missionary colleagues and national friends, through your gifts of pastoral care, biblical education, and hospitality;

TIM, FOR EFFECTIVELY LEADING in church planting ministry with Buenas Noticias in Equatorial Guinea from 1999 to 2009;

FOR FAITHFULLY representing the kingdom, working in mutual partnerships, strengthening local communities, transforming individuals, families, and communities, and affirming dignity;

HELEN, FOR STEADFAST LEADERSHIP teaching English to pre-med students at the Ubangi Protestant University, organizing a study program for seminary wives, and teaching a Christian marriage course;

FOR FAITHFULLY PROVIDING pastoral care, valuable team contributions, and the wisdom of well-rounded global experience;

TIM AND HELEN, FOR COMPASSIONATELY AND GRACIOUSLY SHARING your home and lives with many friends and guests for the last 34 years;

FOR AUTHENTICALLY LOVING one another and others, and modeling what it looks like to live as citizens of the kingdom of God;

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ALETA AND ROY DANFORTH**

FOR WILLINGLY ACCEPTING the call to serve in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Central African Republic from 1990 to 2021;

FOR HUMBLY RECEIVING as privilege the opportunity to learn from and embrace the Congolese and Central African Republic cultures while joining the missio Dei in an often complex yet sacred context;

FOR FAITHFULLY serving for 12 years with the Paul Carlson Medical Program, providing community development, discipleship, and medical support services at the Loko mission station;

FOR GRACIOUSLY ENCOURAGING and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through ministries of agriculture and health, with a commitment to serve Fulani/Muslim people;

ROY, FOR EFFECTIVELY LEADING in the establishment of the Center for Experimentation and Formation in Agriculture (CEFA) and providing an innovative agricultural research and training base to share God’s love on the village level;

FOR FAITHFULLY representing the kingdom, working in mutual partnerships, strengthening local communities, transforming individuals, families, and communities, and affirming dignity;

ALETA, FOR STEADFAST LEADERSHIP developing relationships with Fulani/Muslim women and humbly serving the mission hospital;

FOR FAITHFULLY PROVIDING pastoral care, invaluable team contributions, and the wisdom of well-rounded global experience;

ROY AND ALETA, FOR COMPASSIONATELY AND GRACIOUSLY SHARING your home and lives with many friends and guests for the last 31 years;

FOR AUTHENTICALLY LOVING one another and others, and modeling what it looks like to live as citizens of the kingdom of God;

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NANCY JO HOOVER**

FOR WILLINGLY ACCEPTING the call to serve Mexico, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, East Asia, and Middle East North Africa (MENA) from 1991 to 2020;

FOR HUMBLY RECEIVING as privilege the opportunity to learn from and embrace the Mexican, Congolese, Asian, and MENA cultures while joining the missio Dei in an often complex yet sacred context;

FOR FAITHFULLY serving and establishing Fuentes Libres, A.C. as an outreach to marginalized people, sharing the vision of transformational development, and training the local national staff;

FOR GRACIOUSLY ENCOURAGING and facilitating international holistic work with a focus on continuing education, training, and encouragement of Covenant workers in the area of transformational development;

FOR EFFECTIVELY LEADING through partnerships with local women’s groups with projects to alleviate the marginalization of women and children;

FOR FAITHFULLY representing the kingdom, working in mutual partnerships, strengthening local communities, transforming individuals, families, and communities and affirming dignity;

FOR STEADFAST LEADERSHIP as the interim regional coordinator for both Asia and the MENA regions, building and fostering healthy relationships with global personnel;

For FAITHFULLY PROVIDING pastoral care, facilitating valuable team contributions, and utilizing the wisdom of well-rounded global experience;

FOR COMPASSIONATELY AND GRACIOUSLY SHARING your insights, willingness to serve, and spirit of

dedication with many friends and guests for the last 29 years;

FOR AUTHENTICALLY LOVING your neighbor as yourself and modeling what it looks like to live as a citizen of the kingdom of God;

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DAVID AND RONNA HUSBY**

FOR WILLINGLY ACCEPTING the call to serve as global personnel in Japan from 1987 to 2010;

FOR HUMBLY RECEIVING as privilege the opportunity to learn from and embrace the Japanese culture while joining the missio Dei in an often complex yet sacred context;

FOR FAITHFULLY SERVING as directors of the Odawara Christian Center—a community outreach center ministering through English education, Bible instruction, worship, discipleship, an international prayer group, as well as a myriad of compassion ministries;

FOR FAITHFULLY SERVING as regional coordinators in Asia from 1999 to 2010, providing vision and care to Covenant global personnel who served alongside international partners;

FOR GRACIOUSLY ENCOURAGING others, both missionary colleagues and national partners, through your gifts of pastoral care, biblical education, and hospitality;

DAVID, FOR EFFECTIVELY LEADING as the director of Covenant World Relief from 2009 to 2020, for your strategic and relational community development and global disaster relief efforts and service;

AND FOR FAITHFULLY REPRESENTING the kingdom, working in mutual partnerships, strengthening local communities, serving the most vulnerable people, transforming individuals, families, and communities, affirming dignity and seeking justice;

RONNA, FOR YOUR STEADFAST LEADERSHIP as Serve Globally's administrative coordinator from 2010 to 2020, for resourcing and equipping global personnel throughout all phases of missionary service;

AND FOR FAITHFULLY PROVIDING pastoral care, efficient problem solving, reliable insights, valuable team contributions, and the wisdom of well rounded, lived global experience;

DAVID AND RONNA, FOR AUTHENTICALLY LOVING one another and others, and modeling how to live as citizens of the kingdom of God.

WE ALWAYS THANK GOD FOR YOU...your faith has shown itself in action, your love in labor, and your hope of our Lord Jesus Christ in fortitude (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3).

Presented in the city of Chicago, state of Illinois, this twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty.



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