

**Missionary Service Recognition
Jim and Joan Gustafson**



Jim and Joan began their service in Thailand in 1971. Jim then served as Executive Minister of World Mission from 1998 to 2002. Since 2008, Jim has served as a special assignment missionary to Thailand.

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE TO
GOD'S KINGDOM AND THE GLOBAL CHURCH
THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH RECOGNIZES
JAMES AND JOAN GUSTAFSON

FOR WILLINGLY ACCEPTING the call to serve as the first Covenant missionaries to Thailand in 1971 and for service that has continued in various ways in partnership with Thai Christian leaders and churches for forty-eight years;

FOR ASSISTING in the formation of organizations for economic and cultural development and contextualized church planting such as the Isaan Development Foundation, the Institute for Sustainable Development, Sustainable Development Research Foundation, the Thailand Covenant Church, and the Global Development Network;

FOR ENVISIONING, TEACHING, AND ORGANIZING not just the Covenant, but the church worldwide, toward a new mindset for mission that is decentralized, indigenous, contextualized, culturally appropriate, strongly grace-based and Christ-centered;

JIM, FOR ACCEPTING the call to lead the Covenant with innovative, creative vision in global mission as Executive Minister of World Mission from 1998 to 2002;

FOR INSPIRING AND MENTORING many Covenant global personnel and Thai leaders in cutting edge, intercultural mission;

JOAN, FOR EXTENDING a spirit of openness, vulnerability, transparency, and honesty that empowered missionaries to live authentically within their gifts, and for providing guidance and training in financial accounting systems, data management, and English correspondence;

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 at the 134th Annual Meeting, in the city of Omaha, state of Nebraska, this twenty-seventh day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen.