

Charlie Powell

Esther and I (Charlie) have been worshipping at The Falls Church since 1981. We have been married for 52 years and she has joined me in the calling I have had to missionary endeavors. She has always been able to integrate her gifting in, and passion for, Christian Education with my places of service.



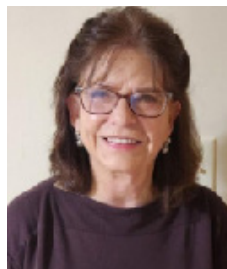
I came to faith in Christ while a student at the University of California, Berkeley, and served on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ (now CRU) for 10 years, most of that time in Europe. Early on I sensed my calling was to Missions in a full-time capacity. I am a seminary graduate and ordained as a Teaching Elder in the PCA. My work for the last 20 years has been as a teacher and discipler of house church pastors in China and Vietnam. I am presently a faculty member of Equipping Leaders Internationally (ELI). I travel to SE Asia several times a year to train house church pastors in security-sensitive and remote areas. These house church leaders pass on the training received to "Timothys" who then travel to the hard-to-reach regions passing on the same training to younger men. Those of you who want to be informed of the activities of my work can receive an email letter which goes out to prayer partners and donors about every 2-3 months.

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Fran Boyle

The Lord gave me a heart for the world, and an opportunity to exercise that love, first through international student ministry and then overseas, primarily in southern and east Africa. I served first through the Anglican Mission organization Sharing of Ministries Abroad (SOMA). I traveled to South Sudan with SOMA and felt called to continue to serve there. I was deeply disturbed by the enslavement of South Sudanese children who were captured and taken to Northern Sudan. Some of these children were redeemed and brought back to South Sudan with no one to care for them.



Partnering with a South Sudanese pastor and with the help of Christian friends in the States, I started an orphanage school and a clinic in a remote area of Bahr El Ghazal in South Sudan near the border with Darfur to care for 62 of these redeemed orphan children. The school has now grown to 350 orphans. We also support pastors who work with no pay in South Sudan and help support their children in school. We named the ministry Connecting Lives International Mission (CLIM). As of today our ministry on the ground in South Sudan is receiving refugees from Darfur and the North in Sudan fleeing fighting and persecution. We are supporting pastors who are doing outreach in these desperate situations. I am in the prayer ministry at TFCA and like to make prayer ministry and Trauma Healing part of our missions there. Last year Scott Thompson, who is part of our ministry, traveled with me to hold a Trauma Healing workshop for Sudanese refugees in Kenya. This year, Scott Thompson will be going in to hold a pastors conference in January in an area hard hit and Fran will be going to Kenya in February to work with the Sudanese refugee community there.

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MaryBeth and A.J. Gunther

The Gunther Ministry Team is composed of Canon AJ, MaryBeth, and Peter. After finishing active duty in the U.S. Army as a Chaplain (JAFC), ACNA, AJ served as a non-stipendiary priest for a season at TFCA from 2018-2019. MaryBeth is a member of TFCA. As a former Army Bandman she used her gifts in the TFCA Choir, Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study, Friday Evening Healing Service and 11:00 a.m. worship team prior to moving overseas.



Peter participated in the middle school youth ministry. They were all involved in the Adoption and Foster ministries at TFCA in its early formation & woven for special needs children.

AJ is the pastor of the English-Speaking Congregation (ESC) while serving as a staff member at All Saints Cathedral in Cairo, Egypt. MaryBeth leads the ESC choir, and works with Refugees and United Adoration to create liturgical worship music that is meaningful to their culture.

The ESC is composed of expats, digital nomads, refugees, local Egyptians, short-term residents, and occasional tourists. AJ and MaryBeth led worship music for the First Summit of the Global South Fellowship of Anglican churches (GSFA) in 2024.

Peter attended an international TCK (Third-Culture Kid) faith-based school in Cairo. He enjoys music, soccer, basketball, and art. He assists the cathedral verger in setting up Friday services. Peter has learned to paint Sudanese Tukul art from the art studio located under All Saints Cathedral, he loves to give his artwork to others.

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Barnabas Team: Grace Han, Jenny Bogdan

Nancy and Steve Brown

Nancy and I, serve with SIM, commonly called Serving in Mission. We became members of The Falls Church Anglican in 1991 (after serving in Togo, West Africa). We were commissioned as missionaries from The Falls Church Anglican in 1997 with our two sons Bryce (6) and Joel (4) to bring the gospel to the nomadic Wodaabe Fulani of Niger, West Africa.



Our vision was to share Christ in this 98% Muslim nation, while using our skills as a groundwater specialist and a nurse to help the people through bringing water and health care. We were missionaries in Niger for 23 years, serving in church planting, evangelism, and discipleship among the Fulani. The Word of God is powerful. We have many stories to tell! In our final four years in Niger, Steve directed two medical centers, one dedicated to caring for people battling leprosy and other health problems and the other providing surgical repair for women suffering from obstetrical fistula. We then moved to France for 2 ½ years on loan from SIM to Le Rucher to provide pastoral care to missionaries through debriefing and facilitating training for missionaries in pastoral care. The Lord worked mightily to bring comfort and healing to many through that time of ministry.

We are serving now with SIM in Charlotte, NC. Nancy is a member care facilitator at SIM USA providing pastoral care to American missionaries serving throughout the entire SIM world. At SIM International, Steve is as an Emmaus Chaplain providing pastoral care to the entire SIM international community. This includes missionaries coming from non-traditional sending countries like Ethiopia, Northeast India and West Africa. He is also helping coordinate the care of missionaries responding to crisis situations. Our many years of experience in the field give us compassion and understanding of the realities of cross-cultural ministry, together with passion for God's individual calling on people's lives.

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Sam Owen

I have been a member of The Falls Church Anglican since 1980 when I returned, with my late wife, Lynn, and our children from East Africa where we had been pioneering the work of Cru. After 8 years of serving with the Christian Embassy and volunteering with the National Prayer Breakfast, we returned to work in Kenya establishing many small breakfast groups for fellowship, and to pray for the leadership of the country.



In 2003, I became the founding partner of the Kenya National Prayer Breakfast, which is now substantially anchored in the National Parliament. Growing out of this

work, a significant movement of young university student leaders began, called the Africa Youth Leadership Forum, fixed on the leadership model of Jesus. Today numbers of young aspiring leaders are emerging on the national scene from that movement.

Three years after my first wife's death in 2020, I married Georgia Burleson, who was one of Lynn's dearest friends for over 50 years. Between us we have five living children (two deceased) and six grandchildren. Georgia and I continue to reside in Kenya where I continue to mentor a team of incredibly talented people who year by year are assuming the mantle of leading the work as I move into an advisory role.

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Sarah Daubert

I have served with Wycliffe Bible translators since 2011. From 2012 to 2021 I worked as a linguist in Cameroon, contributing to the work of Bible translation by analyzing the consonants, vowels, tone, and grammar of the local languages. Now based in northern Virginia, I work with a department called Global Diaspora Services, a team of people focused on Bible translation and Scripture access among diaspora peoples from all over the world. My focus is helping people living outside their homelands in the DC/Northern Virginia region have access to Scriptures in languages and formats they can use, and to equip churches and partner ministries to serve speakers of minority languages. I have been a parishioner at TFCA since 2009 and have been supported by TFCA since the beginning of my career in missions.



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Tiara and Travis Barnwell

We met and married in Washington, D.C. and are parents to Theo (8) and Esther-Mae (4). Before moving overseas, we worshiped at the Church of the Advent and were connected to TFCA for many years through friendships and the prayer ministry. Our professional background is in social work, primarily in refugee resettlement and immigrant family support.



At the end of 2023, we moved to Chiang Mai, Thailand, a predominantly Theravada Buddhist region, to serve in holistic ministry that strengthens families and supports children, youth, and vulnerable migrants. After completing our first year of Thai language study and cultural learning, we began serving with two local NGOs.

Tiara supports Prosperous Youth Foundation (PYF), which equips the many youth living in residential care homes across Chiang Mai. She is beginning a project to gather and assess local foster care practices to strengthen family-based care capacity in the region. Travis serves with Rise Foundation Asia, supporting vulnerable women and the foundation's anti-trafficking efforts. He is developing a database of anti-trafficking interventions across Thailand for the foundation's Connect Thailand initiative, which helps coordinate care and protection for those at risk.

Within our Thai Anglican church, Tiara serves as the Children's Church Coordinator, we regularly teach Sunday school and host a weekly small group in our home.

We are deeply grateful for TFCA's prayers, encouragement, and generosity as we participate in God's restorative work in northern Thailand.

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David and Lucy Chaves

The Chaves Family serve as missionaries in Kenya, through SAMS, specifically focusing on discipleship among vulnerable urban youth. Our vision for ministry is to make disciples through evangelism and teaching. God has called us to work particularly with Kenyan youth from difficult backgrounds, especially those who are struggling physically and emotionally with poverty, neglect, or feeling lost. We aim to share the love of God and inspire hope through Christ-centered educational programs, mentorship, and mission, helping youth to develop a Biblical world view as well as business skills.



We help coordinate school scholarships that cater to close to 210 students, an effort that started with Akiba school in Nairobi but has since spread to two other regions in Kenya (Diocese of Maseno West and Kilifi County). Through running the scholarship program, we have come to realize the importance of healthy supportive families in the lives of our students. Our programs have evolved to include parents discipleship and evangelism.

Though residing in the US, Lucy travels to Kenya Frequently and the whole family goes to Kenya for five to six weeks in the summer to participate in the trainings and spend time doing ministry with the local staff members. Lucy also helps coordinate the Bridgers program for SAMS.

David came to Christ through the ministry of TFCA cornerstone at the age of 15 and has been a member of The Falls Church Anglican for over 20 years. Lucy was born and raised in Kenya and came to Christ at the age of 16 through a school ministry. She joined David as a member of TFCA after they got married in 2009. They are blessed with four Children: Joshua, Paul, Zuri and Mark.

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Norman and Beth Beale

We met each other and were married at an evangelical Episcopal Church in NYC. Several years later, the Holy Spirit spoke to us about serving the Lord and mission work. After study and other preparations, we went to Nepal for a five-month exploratory trip and then went back full time from 1988-2001.



We were in Nepal (along with home assignments and a Seminary study break) for a period of thirteen years. Our work involved community development which included non-formal education for literacy, clean drinking water, hygiene, women's development and income generation in a barter economy.

We worked with an Unreached People Group who were formerly Tibetan Buddhist. Today, there are many churches among them. The Anglican Church was begun in Nepal during this time which today has over 100 churches. It was a great joy to see the Holy Spirit work in so many ways.

We are again working with Anglican Frontier Missions in the role of Pastors to Cross-Cultural Workers. We make visits to the countries where our CCWs work and visit with them on home leave as well as communicate through WhatsApp or Zoom calls. We also continue to visit Nepal to assist with the emerging church, and will be there in June 2026.

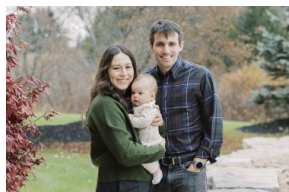
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Logan & Smantha Gates

Missionaries with SAMS to Chile

We have been invited by the Anglican bishop of Santiago to help pastor a church located in a well-educated, professional neighbourhood in the city, where there are very few evangelical churches. Our focus will be to draw on our experience ministering in secular Toronto to help the church find creative ways to reach out to the community, through initiatives like Alpha courses, businessmen breakfasts, “skeptics nights,” and discussion groups themed around questions of life and faith.



Logan's calling to ministry began with a high school mission trip to Nicaragua that had a deep impact on his faith and gave him a heart for Latin America. Now an ordained minister in the ACNA, Logan has spent the past ten years as an itinerant speaker in the area of Christian apologetics, which has to do with giving a “defense” (apologia) for the hope we have in Christ (1 Peter 3:15). Over these years, Logan found the Lord opening doors to Latin America, through language study, internships in Nicaragua, and opportunities for Spanish-language ministry in both Canada and South America.

Samantha is half-Latina and spent a short time living in Latin America as a child, though she hadn't felt a calling to missions before marrying Logan. Since then, Samantha has felt a growing desire to serve overseas by drawing on her background in accounting, contributing meaningfully to church life, and caring for their growing family.