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A close-up portrait of a young girl with a joyful expression. She is wearing a white headscarf with a subtle plaid pattern and a light pink, button-down shirt. Her right hand is raised to her mouth, with her index finger pointing to her upper teeth. The background is a dark, textured wall. The text 'making a' is overlaid in the bottom right corner in a white, handwritten-style font.

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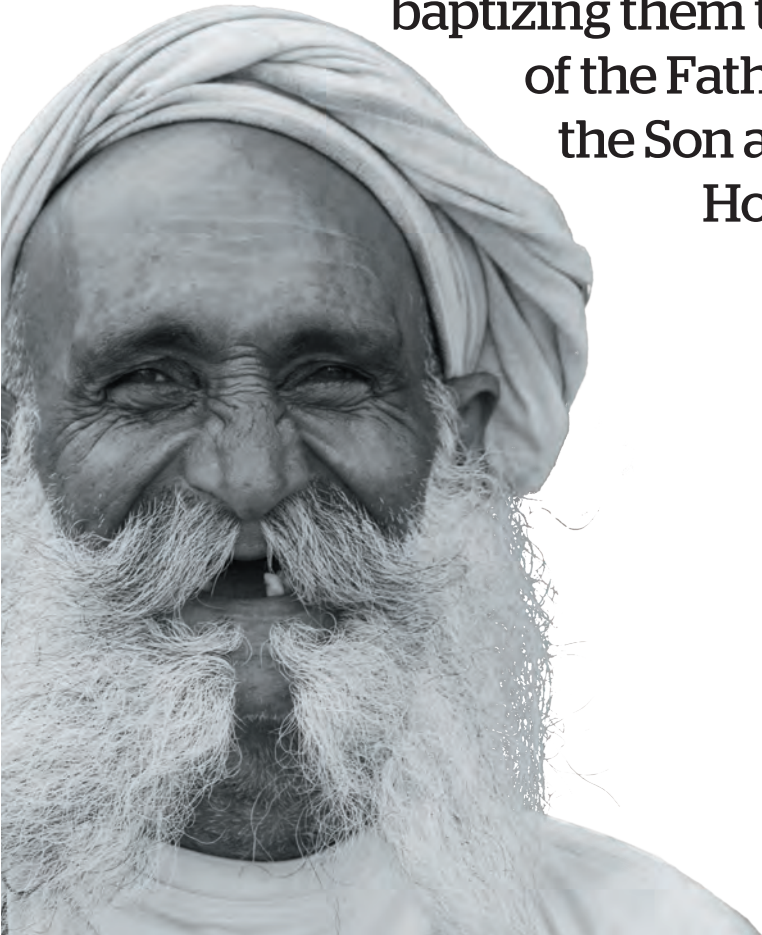
“ To be disciples and make disciples in cross cultural mission; prioritizing teams working with unreached people groups both here and overseas.

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THE MISSIONS ADVENTURE

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Matthew 28:19



In Matthew 28:19 Jesus gives us the great commission:
“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”

As we take these words of Jesus seriously, we realise what an adventure in faith this is. We are excited as we feel God giving us fresh momentum at Grace to increase our focus on Cross Cultural Missions and reach out to people groups who need the love of Jesus and the power of the Gospel.

Just before Jesus left Earth he instructed his disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit to come, and having received the Spirit, they were to be His witnesses in Jerusalem (their own city), in Judea (their own country), in Samaria (the Neighbouring Country) and to the uttermost parts of the earth (Foreign Cultures) Acts 1:8.

As a Church Community, we desire to have a vision to effectively reach out to all these areas as God leads, and to plan, pray, give and send, so that we can do our part in God’s plan for the world.

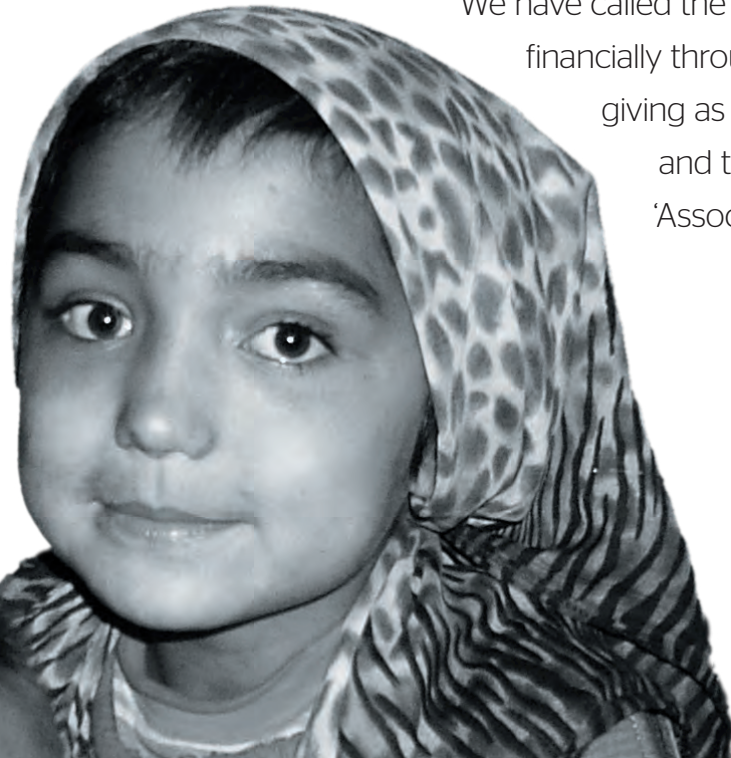
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THE MISSIONS TEAM

We have different commitments to different missionaries. We want to support all of them with our love, prayers and communication.

We have called the team we support financially through faith promise giving as 'Our Missionaries' and then we also have 'Associate Missionaries'.





Al & Brigit Baker

Central Asia

Al was designing GPS systems for agricultural machinery and Bridget was teaching English to international students in Christchurch when God stirred their hearts for the nations and particularly for Shulam. They moved there 18 months ago, with baby Thea, and are part of a team drawn from churches in our city. They spread the fragrance of Jesus through prayer and worship and through making friends and stepping those friends towards knowing Jesus and becoming His disciples. They have an impressive grace on their lives to connect with people and share their love for Jesus - and Thea is a dynamic part of that process!



Evan & Maala Thomas

Israel

Maala and Evan immigrated to Israel from NZ in 1983 and settled in Netanya. They joined with a “hand full” of Jewish Messianic Believers to establish a church making disciples among Jewish people and to be effective as “salt and light” to the Israeli society and beyond. In these 28 years the community has grown to approximately 220 faithful including about 80 young people under the age of 18 years. This year in late September they will plant a daughter congregation in the city and support its growth.

For nearly 25 years they have developed faith-based initiatives that bring people together to experience the forgiveness of Messiah. This ministry has already produced several books on conflict resolution, including a curriculum that is being used currently by universities and NGOs working in conflict areas in other nations.



Hollie & Richard Simmons

Wollongong, Australia

Richard and Hollie Simmons have a passion to see the least evangelized of the world reached with the good news of the kingdom. They work among the marginalized and oppressed and are mobilizing others into action. Richard does this through documentary film and photography and Hollie through mother and child healthcare and education.

They are full time volunteers with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) and are currently based in Wollongong, Australia.



Carolyn Chisholm

Oxford, North Canterbury

Carolyn is a vibrant part of our Grace family. She has recently been involved in pioneering a new Father's Love School at the YWAM Base in Oxford, North Canterbury. Carolyn's vision is to see people disciplined into a revelation of the Father's love for them personally, and to then take this out to the world. The two month outreach phase which is a part of the school is all about taking the Father's love to N.Z. and beyond. The next school begins in February 2012.



Godfrey & Glen Sim

Papua New Guinea

Glen and Godfrey Sim are based in Mt Hagen with MAF- Papua New Guinea. MAF's vision is "To transform isolated people physically and spiritually in Christ's Name and sharing God's love through aviation and technology". Small planes serve remote communities and the churches who are reaching them. They are often the only lifeline. Glen is HR Manager and has both National and International missionary staff to take care of. Godfrey is Training Officer for ground staff and also does some cultural liaison and outstation ministry. They invite you to get to know them and the work through their quarterly newsletter, The PNG Sim Card.



Graham & Lucy Fawcett *Osaka, Japan*

Graeme and Lucy's passion is to raise up sons and daughters who will love Jesus with all their hearts and become disciple-makers, especially among unreached ethnic groups. They are based in Japan, and minister locally as well as in Malaysia and Mozambique, where they were previously church planting. But their main focus is Central Asia: they go in and out from Osaka to mentor a team working among the "Shulamite" people; they facilitate churches in NZ, Japan and elsewhere to partner with them by praying and sending many young disciple-makers. They dream of a new wave of hundreds of young people shot forth into unreached Central Asian nations to make disciples, finish the task and pave the way for Jesus to return.



Neil Gillon *South Asia*

Neil is currently working as a professional civil engineer and project manager, but will be returning to South Asia in 2012, where he lived between 1999 and 2004. He went there during that time to share his love of Jesus with the people he lived amongst. His passion is to help people discover Jesus and partner with them as they learn to accept Him and become disciples. Neil had the privilege of leading several of his friends to become disciples during his work in South Asia and knows that God has called him back to continue this work. He will undertake a project management role in a publishing business and will be involved in the work of a local church and evangelism.

FAITH PROMISE GIVING

From the times of the earliest church, missionaries were sent out to preach the gospel and plant new churches. Local churches gave generously to equip the needs of the missionaries and to support the new churches.



Faith Promise Giving is an exciting adventure in faith, where we trust God to supply money especially for Missions. Many Churches today operate this system, based on the Apostle Paul's example in 2 Corinthians 8 & 9, where he invites Churches to promise an amount in faith, gives an allotted time for the money to be gathered, and later comes and collects the money.

Faith Promise is not a pledge

How much you choose to give is between you and God. You can give anonymously, so no one will even know what commitment you have made. It is NOT a pledge to the church. If money is not available for any reason, you should not feel guilty if you cannot give it. It is a "faith adventure" ... believing in God to provide the money.

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How Our Global Missions Commitment Works

We would love to encourage every family and individual at Grace to do the following:

PRAY:

The key is to prayerfully seek God about how much He would have you give to support overseas missions, above and beyond your commitment to our local church work. It is not just a question of working out what you can afford, or what is left over... but what you could commit to in faith.

In this sense, you step out in faith to give either weekly, fortnightly or monthly, trusting that if God has laid this amount on your heart, He will provide the money for you.

ACT:

Fill in the Faith Promise Card, indicating the amount the Lord has encouraged you to give and place it in the offering bag or in the Giving Letter Box. The Faith Promise Cards will be collected on September 25th.

TRUST:

Believe that God will enable you to regularly give the amount you have committed.

Change of lifestyle:

It maybe that to meet this offering, you choose to give up some “luxuries” or make some sacrifices in your lifestyle as God leads you. Most missionaries have to live this way, trusting there will be sufficient finance to fulfil their ministry.

How to make your gift:

1. *Giving by Automatic Payment*

We encourage you to take the convenient option of using automatic payment for your World Mission Commitment. Forms are available from reception. Remember to mark the gift "Missions"

2. *Giving by envelope*

Offering envelopes are also available from the Information table. Take a supply of them. Carefully fill in the details on the envelope so your gift is used as you intend. [Note: Any giving intended for Overseas Mission must be marked "MISSIONS".

3. *Eftpos at Reception Desk.*

Why fill in the slip?

All the amounts are added up to give us the total amount promised for the year. Our Missions Team need to know what amount is promised so we can plan wisely for the year. When you fill in a slip it helps you to be committed to the amount you have written down. Keep your own record of the amount so you don't forget!

TAX CREDIT (formerly tax rebate)

You can get a tax credit of 33.33% of the amount you give to Missions up to your assessable income, providing you are part of our Giving System and have a Giving Number which is clearly marked either on your Automatic Payment or your Giving Envelope.

Grace Vineyard missions team

Chris Parsons, Lorna Revis, Andrew Hill, Clark Alcock and Scott and Ruth Pickering oversee the missions department at Grace which is made up of leaders from both Beach and City Campus.

Please feel free to email the team at: missions@grace.org.nz for any enquiries regarding Faith Promises, or interest you may have in overseas missions, short or long term. There is also a 'Pathway to Missions at Grace' brochure available for anyone wanting further information

Faith Promise Allocation 2011

1 November 2010 to 31 August 2011

	Total	Designated	Allocated*
<i>Pledged:</i>			
Regular Giving	\$117,010		
Lump Sums	<u>\$94,145</u>		
	<u>\$211,155</u>		
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Received	\$143,753	\$18,727	\$125,026
<i>Disbursed:</i>			
Al & Bridget Baker		\$2,710	\$30,833
Glenn & Godfrey Sim		\$1,700	\$20,225
Carolyn Chisholm			\$3,300
Hollie & Richard Simmons		\$3,212	\$27,500
Evan & Maala Thomas		\$847	\$7,150
Graham & Lucy Fawcett		\$10,258	\$7,150
World Vision Children			\$3,640
	<u>\$118,525</u>	<u>\$18,727</u>	<u>\$99,798</u>
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Available**	<u>\$25,228</u>		

* 'Designated' money has been tagged by church members specifically for the recipient. 'Allocated', is Faith Promise funds, allocated by the mission's team in liaison with Grace Senior Leadership.

** Covers re-entry, emergency relocation etc

Please feel free to contact clark.alcock@grace.org.nz with any queries



As a church community, we can
make a huge difference to Global
Missions efforts as we pray, give,
support and trust God together!

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