

meet the FOWLERS



PANAMA

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their story

Jon and Bianca grew up in Pittsburgh and were high school sweethearts. They both graduated from West Allegheny High School and then Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois. In 2000, they were married. After graduation, Jon served as the youth pastor at The Bible Chapel from 2001-2008. As part of this role, Jon led the first mission trip to Panama in the summer of 2006. The youth came back with an excitement about what the Lord was doing in Panama and that excitement had a transforming effect on the rest of the congregation at the church, igniting a passion for missions. It had a transforming effect on Jon as well. His excitement and passion for youth ministry was joined by his newfound passion for missions.

Jon and Bianca moved to Panama in 2015 and led the first ever ReachGlobal team there with the vision of discipling and building up the Panamanian Church; working with vulnerable children and indigenous people and church planting. Then in June 2019, the Fowlers left ReachGlobal to take the position of Ministry Coordinator with Word of Life (WOL) Panama. WOL is an evangelistic ministry, mainly focused on children and youth. They use Bible Clubs and camp ministry, in addition to other events throughout the year, to reach the next generation with the gospel of Christ. As Ministry Coordinator, Jon is responsible for the health of the WOL team, the vision and direction of the ministry, while also overseeing the WOL camp property in Chame. Jon and Bianca have three boys-Ethan 15; Ezra 13; and Elijah 10.

recent prayer requests

Praises

For a short term group that came down to help remove a fence.

For a visit with the engineers which was productive.

For Jon's wife and partner in the Lord for whom he is very grateful.

Prayer Requests

For their children who are missing social interaction. Pray they would become Godly, global Christians that love God and love others and lead for Christ.

For the team retreat (April 27-30) where they will discuss future ministry plans, projects and priorities. The theme will be Dependence on God. Pray this would be a time to unify, edify and refocus their team. Pray for the overall encouragement of the team.

For the campground upgrade and the campaign to raise the funds needed to do this. The cost is about 5 million and they are trusting God for something big!

For ministry expansion over Panama and that mini teams could be sent to the Darien, Colon and Veraguas-Chitre area of Panama.

For the missionaries to have support they need.

For Jon and Bianca's personal health goals. Pray that they would be healthy and disciplined so that they can live and serve the Lord a long time together.