

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 and joined Word of Life (WOL) Panama, where Jon is the National Director. 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 Director, 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, Ezra, and Elijah.

PRAISE + + +

- + 2023 Summer camp season - 751 in attendance and 402 decisions for Christ!
- + God is opening many doors for Bible Clubs. 25 youth wanting to study at the Bible Institute - (Argentina, Mexico, US).
- + May 2023 - Panama WOL Global Workers will travel to Dominican Republic for a Central.
- + American Retreat with workers from 8 other countries.
- + 9 or 10 new Global Workers will be approved as Panama Word of Life staff.
- + The Panama Word of Life ministry in Panama is growing!

PRAYER > > >

- > Discipling - 402 new Christians need discipling and support through a Church Family or Bible Club. Ask God to open the doors for these Bible Clubs and Churches for these youth and others seeking God's will in their lives.
- > Potential Involvement - Retired Hall of Fame Pitcher Mariano Rivera recently visited the camp and would like to get involved.
- > Camp Facilities - Pray for the right engineer to design the sports fields and auditorium. Panama Word of Life Ministry is growing and prayer is needed for the 1st phase of the camp grounds future projects.
- > Additional Staff - Pray that all new and existing Global Workers will be able to raise funding to support their ministry - this includes the new staff that will be added soon. We have 9 new missionaries coming on and more co-laborers (part-time missionaries) coming on this year. The team will be getting close to 40 on the staff plus kids!
- > Material Resources - Pray for the material resources and new partnerships needed to help grow the ministry and reach more youth in Panama.
- > Jon Fowler - for strength and wisdom and good health as he directs the staff and ministry. The leadership at Word of Life has just asked Jon to be a Zone Director over Panama, Costa Rica and Nicaragua. This will be officially announced in May at the regional conference in the Dominican Republic. Pray for Jon to be able to handle these additional responsibilities and lead the team in Panama.
- > Bianca Fowler - strength and wisdom and good health. Pray for the Fowler family. Our Marriage to grow deeper and deeper with Christ and each other. Also our 3 boys to walk closer and closer with the Lord. Our oldest Ethan is in his first year at the Bible Institute in New York and he is learning and growing a ton. Ezra is learning how to be a leader among his peers in Panama and Eli is not far behind.