

## 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.

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## PRAISE + + +

The Fowler boys:

+ Praise the Lord that Ethan has transitioned well to Word of Life Bible Institute in Schroon Lake, New York. He is involved in many things already at the campus. Playing drums for one of the worship bands, Learning how to be a barista and also making many friends. He misses us and we miss him terribly but we hope to see him come back to Panama for Christmas break, Lord willing and if the funds allow. We thank you for your prayers. It is a joy to watch your kids grow into who the Lord wants them to be.

+ Ezra and Eli are doing well in Panama. Ezra enjoys fitness and weight-lifting and Eli is now into Tae-kwon-do. Both of them are huge parts of the English-Speaking Youth Group at our church here and have hearts to reach their friends for Christ. We see them growing up so fast.

## PRAYER > > >

> Pray for Jon and Bianca as they lead the Word of Life Panama team. Pray for God's wisdom so they can lead the team well.

> Please pray for the Word of Life team as they head into camp season. The first day of camp 2023 is January 16 and camp runs straight through February. Pray with us for decisions to be made, life directions to be changed and one kid at a time to come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! Pray also for scholarships for the kids who can't afford to pay for camp. A full week of camp is \$99.

> As for the team, they are coming into camp season a little tired but satisfied by an incredibly busy year. 2022 is Word of Life's "30 year anniversary as a ministry in Panama." They challenged themselves to have 30 evangelistic events in 2022, and many were weekend or school-vacation camps with kids from all different backgrounds around Panama. Most recently they completed event #28, which was a camp last week with kids from Curundu (A rough part of Panama City). Pray for the team's energy, health and enthusiasm to last for the entire camp season. Pray for unity for the team also.

> Please keep all of our (Fowler) boys in your prayers, that the heart of Christ would be formed in them. Pray that they would be godly, global, Christian men, of which we know the world is in desperately short supply.