

meet the **FOWLERS**



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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

Jon and Bianca are only able to leave their house for two hours a few days a week. But God has allowed them to make some great connections with the Ministry of Health during COVID 19. The Word of Life team has been distributing food with the government workers and presenting the gospel with each food parcel. Many, many people are making decisions for Christ as a result of this.

The Fowlers praise the Lord for all of the funds that have come in for the Relief Project.

Jon and Bianca praise the Lord for their health and God's provision.

They praise the Lord for the growth and maturity they have seen in their boys during this time of quarantine and for sweet times they are having as a family. They are getting regular exercise and having prayer time.

Pray for the lifting of the quarantine so that the Word of Life team can begin to have more freedom for ministry.

Pray that the Fowlers will continue to be granted a government pass to drive around freely during the remainder of the quarantine, and that they are able to continue to deliver food and the gospel to needy people who are searching for help and hope.

Pray for the Fowler boys to be diligent in their studies and that they'll be able to finish school by the end of May.

Pray for the Word of Life team to be encouraged and united despite not being able to get together physically and pray that each team member will get fully supported.

Pray for all those who have trusted in Christ to be discipled and encouraged in their faith and plugged into a doctrinally strong church.

Pray for the provision of operating funds to keep the camp running during this time. WOL has lost rental money because they aren't allowed to rent out and host groups at the camp property.