

# 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.

## prayer requests

Jon and Bianca praise the Lord that all three of the boys have finished school.

The Fowlers praise the Lord for His constant provision. And they are thankful that all of their family is healthy.

Jon and Bianca praise God for all the opportunities to share the gospel in the midst of this crazy time. And they thank the Lord for the good things that have happened in their family as a result of the quarantine time.

Pray for friends of the Word of Life team, Maricela and Frank and their two daughters. Both the parents and the youngest daughter have tested positive for Covid-19 and the parents are both in the hospital. Pray for healing for this family.

Pray for the Word of Life team as they continue meeting virtually, to stay encouraged and motivated.

Pray for WOL's operating budget for the camp. With no groups renting the facility, they are needing funds to pay the light bills and such.

Pray for all of the WOL missionaries to get fully funded even during the quarantine time.

Pray for continued opportunities to share the gospel and deliver food to those in need.