

Benjamin Castor

Serving on the Logos Hope Ship as head photographer.

Since joining the ship, Ben has sailed to Kenya, Tanzania, Madagascar, Mozambique and is currently in South Africa. Follow Logos Hope on Instagram to see Benjamin's photography and the work of the ship.



- Pray for unity on the ship. They will see approximately 80 people leave and 80 people join the ship this month. Two of his best friends will leave the ship within thirty days of each other and he knows this will be a difficult transition.
- Pray for Benjamin to have wisdom in discerning what is next. His one-year commitment ends in September. However, he has been asked to consider extending his commitment. He isn't sure what to do yet but is confident that he's exactly where God wants him for now.

Circles of Welcome

Liaison between faith & community groups and refugees entering our city.

Our congregation has been partnering with Lutheran Family Services of the Carolinas to help refugees from Afghanistan to settle in Columbia. Contact: Ed Smither (edsmither71@gmail.com).



- Pray for the refugees continually entering Columbia see. Pray for housing, jobs, and adapting to life here.
- Pray for the staff at Lutheran Family Services working hard to help them settle.
- Pray that God's people in Columbia would befriend, love, serve refugees and share their hope in Christ.

Guy and Susan Rainsford

Missionaries in NE Kenya working with the unreached Borana m. people group.

Guy was asked by the SIM Kenya Director to coordinate the Borana ministry for all of Kenya and plans to travel to there over the next months to launch this work. Susan, for now, will stay in Columbia as home-base support and to prepare for Rehema's graduation from high school in May. This Fall, Rehema will be on a pre-veterinary track in the Bio-Medical Science program at CIU. (guy.rainsford@sim.org).



- Praise God: Rehema was just granted her "full and final" US adoption last week.
- Pray for Guy as he has begun his new, expanded SIM Kenya ministry assignment.
- Pray God provide the financial resources for Guy to travel.

Zach and Noelle Slagel
 Missionaries in Albania.

Zach is an ordained Anglican priest sent out by the Diocese of the Carolinas to plant a church and encourage the Christians in Albania. Noelle is a clinical counselor ministering to the needs of Afghani refugees who have moved to Albania.
 Contact: Zach (zach@meintl.org, <https://meintl.org/slagel-bio>)



- Pray that they would lead their church community faithfully and that they would become men, women and children of prayer this year.
- Pray that they would be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and discerning of God's voice when they meet with people.
- Pray for their kids: Asher, Emmett, Talia and Juniper

Wade and Chelsea Weeldreyer

Missionaries in Rwanda in partnership with the Anglican church.

Wade teaches in East African Christian College's theology department. Chelsea works part-time with a Christian non-profit that walks alongside women and children in the slums of Kigali.

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- Praise God that their new baby, William, is healthy and growing well, and that Chelsea is more or less fully recovered. Pray as they navigate not having family close by during this special (and sleep-deprived) time.
- Pray that the right amount of funds would come in for their ministry so that they can sustainably stay as long as they are called.
- Pray for their kids: Evie and William

Dan and Rachel Zuch
 Missionaries in Austria.

Dan supports and encourages the missionaries in Austria and Germany. Rachel is the founder of Heart Works, a ministry to men and women in prostitution and survivors of human trafficking. Contact: Dan Zuch (drzuch@gmail.com).



- Leadership changes are on the horizon at Heart Works. Pray for wisdom and that the outreach to those in prostitution would continue to be strong even during the transitions.
- Praise the Lord for his financial provision for Heart Works in 2023 through faithful donors, including many CotA parishioners- thank you!
- Pray for biblical unity in evangelical churches. There is a lot of tension and some fighting over some theological and practice issues. Pray for the Fruit of the Spirit to be taken as seriously as the determination to be "right."