



Michelle Harris | New Associate Director

On July 1, Michelle Harris joined the Global Ministries staff as one of the three associate directors (alongside David Kline and Frank Yang). She brings over 25 years of cross-cultural experience in mentoring, training, and teaching in various settings.

Michelle will work with our short-term missions program, oversee some of our overseas staff, and be a resource to those seeking to work with refugees and immigrants.

In 2012, Michelle and her family moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, after serving 1994-2012 with InterVarsity Link in Europe and Africa. During those years, they lived a year in Paris, eleven years in the African nation of Gabon, and the last seven years in Nice, France. Michelle has been a teacher in an international school, a student minister, and a team leader. Since relocating to Fort Wayne, she has coordinated a low-cost translation service at the Reclamation Project, providing translation in 18 languages.

Michelle graduated from Ball State Uni-

versity in 1990 with a degree in Education, and this summer will complete a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing at Ashland University in Ohio. Her husband, Scott, is an InterVarsity campus minister working with international students in Fort Wayne. They have two children, Justin and Anna. Michelle serves with the women's ministry at Emmanuel Community Church in Fort Wayne.

Michelle is passionate about the beauty of the international church and the ways we can learn from and serve one another. She loves writing and reading and is excited about this next chapter with Global Ministries.

Missionaries Needed for Mattru Jong UBC Hospital

Imagine what it would be like if you shared your doctor with 60,000 people. That's the situation in Sierra Leone, where just 117 medical doctors serve a population of more than 7 million.

Nearly 70 years ago, the United Brethren in Christ established a hospital in the town of Mattru Jong. Missionary doctors and nurses were in the process of handing the hospital over to local administrators and

physicians when civil war broke out in 1991. When it reopened 11 years later, it was but a pale reflection of the vibrant regional health center it had once been.

Since reopening, the hospital has struggled to regain momentum. Mattru Jong Hospital is still the only medical facility for a radius of nearly 100 miles.

At the request of Sierra Leone Conference, Global Ministries is recruiting a team of missionaries to serve for 6-8 years training and mentoring hospital staff. We're recruiting general practitioners, surgeons, pediatricians and obstetricians, along with individuals with accounting, administration, or maintenance/engineering experience to serve for 2-3 years at a time.

Contact us if you, or someone you know, might be interested.

Local International Ministry (LIM) Network

What happens when Christians in a region work toward a common vision, regardless of affiliation, denomination, or background? We are getting a taste of that through the LIM Network in northeast Indiana.

Over the last year, this network has engaged with over 100 church representatives, Christian non-profit staff, and individual Christians who live in this region. These people are either already working with internationals who live in northeast Indiana, or are interested in finding out more. Global Ministries is a founding member of the LIM Network and has helped to shape its vision and development from the start.

God has drawn immigrants from over 80 countries to this part of Indiana, including persons from people groups that are least reached by the Gospel. For example, several dozen Muslim families from Yemen have moved to Kendallville (a small town of about 9,000) in the past few years.





Harrison



Anne



Janessa and Andrew

Because of the countries in which these persons serve, security concerns prevent us from publishing their last names.

Serving in Restricted Access Countries

Harrison | Middle East

Global Ministries welcomes Harrison to our staff. He is a member of the Eagle Quest UB church in Columbia City, Ind. He will teach at the CCS international K-12 school as a part of our JumpStart program.

Harrison's passion for God's Word began with Bible quizzing during middle school and high school. At Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind., he majored in both Biblical Studies and a combined Biology/Psychology degree. Later, he moved to Israel and was able to dig deeper as he completed graduate work at Jerusalem University College.

Harrison has a love for languages, archaeology, and Bible history. His three years in Jerusalem showed him how much he still has to learn and how eager he is to serve others in the Middle East.

The CCS school serves families from all around the world, including Korea, South Africa, Pakistan, England, Canada, Sudan, Poland, Egypt, and the United States. Many parents of students serve in Christian ministry. He will teach Bible and archeology and coach sports for high school students.

Anne | Returning to China

Anne is from Transfer, Pa. She encountered the United Brethren denomination when Mark and Ruth Ralph pastored her church. After going with Ruth on a Global Ministries/Huntington University trip to China, she joined Global Ministries' JumpStart program and worked at a school in southern China, just miles from the border of Macau where several other Global Ministries staff were serving. She then continued for another two years as one of our full support staff members.

During the past year, Anne completed her Masters in TESOL. She will return to southern China in August to serve in an international school. She looks forward to building on the foundation of relationships formed during her first four years and to actively sharing Christ with those God puts into her life.

Pray for Anne as she shares the Gospel and mentors others in following Christ.

For security reasons, please do not publish any information about these persons on the internet. Thank you.

Andrew and Janessa | China

For the past two years, Andrew and Janessa have served through Huntington University's Institute for TESOL Studies at a school in Zhongshan, in southern China. Both are graduates of Huntington University, Andrew with an MA in Theology and Janessa a BA in Intercultural Studies.

During their time in Zhongshan, they taught in a private school and built relationships with other teachers, neighbors, and local believers.

This spring they were interviewed and approved by Global Ministries to continue serving in southern China, but in another city where two other Global Ministers staffers are already serving. There they will use education as one way to build relationships in a local university and community. They will also further deepen current spiritual relationships in that region.

Andrew and Janessa will be in the U.S. from September to December. Please consider having them share at your church. Contact us for more information.

LIM Network (continued)

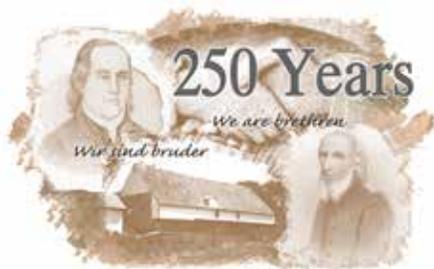
While some in America are fearful of what the influx of Muslim immigrants may mean, Christians should be rejoicing. Do you remember praying for those from the 10/40 Window to be reached? God is answering the prayers that we've been praying for the past few decades! We continue to hear reports pouring in from the mission fields and right here in America that a record number of Muslims are putting their faith in Jesus. Some fear that more Muslims in America may mean homegrown terrorists. What is a better way to counter that: to

ostracize them in America? or to befriend them and allow the power of the Gospel to transform their hearts?

The LIM Network has been sponsoring events such as brainstorm sessions, quarterly large group gatherings, and smaller focus groups about a particular topic (e.g. ministry to Buddhists using English as a ministry tool). These are aimed at educating local Christians in best practices, equipping and training, and promoting networking among churches, ministries, and individuals who have a heart for reaching internationals in their local communities. Through this pro-

cess, the Church in northeast Indiana is becoming more united and effective.

This informal network started because a few local Christians who had a similar heart began meeting together. Why can't something like it grow in your region? If you are interested in finding out how you could do something similar in your locale, or if you live in the area and would like to learn more, contact us at info@ub.org. As some describe so aptly, "The Great Commission is too big for anyone to accomplish alone and too important not to try to do together."



2017 US National Conference

July 12-15, 2017 • Lancaster, PA

General Conference Joins in the 250th Anniversary Celebrations

Next summer, the United Brethren in Christ will celebrate their 250th anniversary during the US National Conference, which will meet July 12-15 in Lancaster, Pa. We have invited representatives from all of our national conferences and mission districts to join us for this celebration.

Our international guests will attend the US National Conference, and will then stay to participate in our triennial General Conference, which follows on July 15-18.

The purpose of the General Conference is to provide a time for mutual sharing of progress and prayer needs from each country. Leaders and delegates will consider how we might be able to accomplish our individual ministry objectives and goals by working together. New mission districts and national conferences are also reviewed and approved by this body. We will be prayerfully considering Sierra Leone's recommendation to accept Liberia as our newest national conference.

To make this possible, we are inviting our churches and supporters to provide a special gift. The majority of delegates come from developing or Third World countries, and will be provided the opportunity to request assistance with their travel expenses. To bring all of these national leaders and delegates to the United States, we estimate that it will cost Global Ministries a total of about \$20,000.

New Staff Seeking Support

The following new Global Ministries staff members are seeking to raise support to reach the field. Contact us to find out more about becoming part of a support team. Here are the amounts in their accounts and pledged.

Harrison	1%
Anne	50%
Andrew and Janessa	0%
Milton and Erika Pacheco	0%

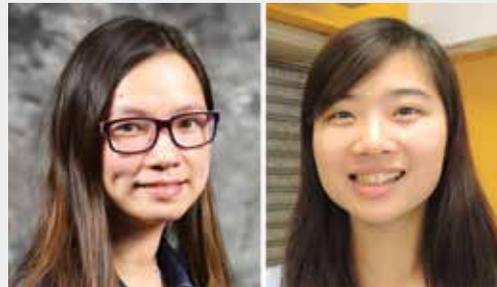
thailand

Our multinational team of missionaries will soon begin their first terms of service in Chiang Rai, Thailand.

The first to arrive will be Brian and Rachel Glunt and their children Lily, Curtis, and Lucy. Later this fall, two women from Hong Kong Conference will join them. Julie Hui just graduated from Huntington University with her MA in TESOL. Lai Ou Yang is an elementary school teacher. Toward the end of the year, Milton and Erika Pacheco will join the team.



Our ministry center in Chiang Rai, Thailand



L-r: Julie Hui and Lai Ou Yang.

Initially, the team will focus on language and culture study. During this first year, as they live within the community, they will intentionally meet and survey Thais who live around the community center, building friendships and getting to know their needs. This foundation will help shape the center's areas of focus.

Pray for smooth transitions for each family unit as they uproot their lives and move to a foreign land. Ask for the Spirit to help them make fast inroads in language learning and relationship-building.

Milton and Erika Pacheco Available to Speak this Fall

Honduras Conference, with 115 churches, was instrumental in forming our national conference in Nicaragua and in the development of a mission district in El Salvador. However, they have never sent missionaries to another continent – until now.

Honduras Conference is sending Milton and Erika Pacheco to Thailand to join a team of United Brethren missionaries from Hong Kong and the United States. Over the past year and a half, the Pachecos have been studying English while completing mission studies online. Most recently, they have been raising support among the Honduran churches, finishing up Milton's work with Habitat for Humanity, and selling their home.

Honduras Conference is unable to fully support the Pachecos on their own; Honduras ranks 172nd in the world in per capita income. Therefore, Global Ministries will bring them to the United States in early September to late November 2016 to begin three months of support raising to complement what they have raised in Honduras. Global Ministries staff will travel with the Pachecos to meet persons interested in supporting them.

Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to partner with Honduras Conference in sending this couple to the mission field. Contact us if you, your small group, or your church want to know more about the Pachecos or wish to arrange a visit.



L-r: Brian and Rachel Glunt, Milton and Erika Pacheco



IGNITE | February 2017

IGNITE is a one-day mission event that informs, inspires, and helps people integrate missional principles into their lives. The first IGNITE took place on Saturday, May 7, at Rhodes Grove Camp in Chambersburg, Pa. We have scheduled a second IGNITE for February 18, 2017, in Caro, Mich.

Jason Garwood, lead pastor of Colwood UB church in Caro, and his wife Mary attend the event in Pennsylvania. Here is what Jason had to say:

“Attending IGNITE was really important for Mary and me because we needed to get a pulse on what God is doing in the world. Sometimes it’s easy to look at the field you’re plowing and forget that God is plowing fields all over this world. IGNITE helped correct some of our assumptions as well as give us a solid grid to look through as we consider what it means to disciple the nations. I highly recommend that pastors, lay leaders, and all churches get involved in God’s worldwide redemptive plan, and a perfect place to start is coming to IGNITE. It will challenge you, equip you, and



Donna and Jason Hollopeter traveling for Global Ministries in southeast Asia.

Donna Hollopeter Retires from Global Ministries

Donna Hollopeter has faithfully and tirelessly served the United Brethren Church since 1993, when she was hired as associate director of Global Ministries. During that time she led the Women’s Missionary Fellowship, coordinated and participated on many short-term mission trips, spoken in numerous UB churches across North America, traveled to all of our mission fields (usually multiple times), and participated in a variety of projects and campaigns. She has served well and has been very much valued and appreciated.

Sometime during the past 22 years—perhaps several times—Donna probably spoke in your church. She has been known as an enthusiastic speaker. At the national office, we appreciated her as a creative, quick-witted person who was fun to be around. We encourage you to join us in thanking Donna for her 22 years of service to the United Brethren Church, and more specifically, to the work of UB missions.

move you to action. Don’t miss it!”

Here are details on our next IGNITE:

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2017.

Location: Colwood UB church, Caro, Mich.

Save the date now and be watching for more information.

Check Out the All-New Global Ministries Website

The Global Ministries website has been totally redesigned. It now includes links to our eGiving.com site, where you can contribute online toward our missionaries and mission projects. Browse over to:

UBGlobal.org

While you’re at it, check out the Global Ministries Facebook page, where we regularly post information about what’s happening in the world of UB missions.

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