

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 joined EFCA ReachGlobal in April 2012. They spent a year and a half raising their support and left for language training in Costa Rica in January 2014. In December 2015, they moved to Panama to begin their work there. Jon is leading a team focused on building up godly Christian leaders and planting biblically-sound, evangelical churches. He is discipling a group of Panamanian pastors and also working with two different indian pastors. The Fowlers also offer English classes, using the classes as a way to share the Gospel. In 2018, they hope to launch a child sponsorship program and Jon is temporarily pastoring a church in order to give the pastor a much-needed respite. Jon and Bianca have three boys – Ethan, 15 years old; Ezra, 12 years old; and Elijah, 9 years old. Bianca spends much of her time homeschooling their boys.

prayer requests

Jon and Bianca praise God for a great retreat with their Reachglobal team.

The Fowlers thank God that they are in the process of buying a house in Chame!

Jon and Bianca are thankful that their boys will be able to go to the International school in Coronado after their move.

The Fowler's oldest son, Ethan, will be a camp worker at the Word of Life camp this year.

Bianca's hives are under control and her injury from her fall is healing up well.

The Fowlers praise the Lord for His provision. They saw a bump in their support in December that was desperately needed.

Pray for Jon as he will be preaching at a camp in Nicaragua, January 21-27. Ezra will be going with him. Please pray for safe travels, his time with Ezra and for the six messages Jon will preach in Spanish. Pray that God's Word will go out powerfully.

Pray for the Fowlers' move on January 29. Pray for a safe, smooth transition, energy and health. Pray for the Fowler family to have a powerful witness in their new neighborhood.

Bianca's family is coming for a visit February 16-23. Pray for their time together that it will be a wonderful time of fellowship.

Pray for the Fowlers' church as they go through the normal "growing pains" of a new church. Pray for Jon as he leads this congregation and the unity of spirit and vision for the church. Pray that God would draw many people to Himself through the love and testimony of this body of believers.