

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.

prayer requests

Jon and Bianca praise the Lord that they had a chance to see Jon's parents in Panama for a week.

They also praise the Lord for the unity and joy they are seeing on the WOL team.

Please pray for the WOL Women's Conference, October 18-20, that all the women coming will grow in their relationship with Christ or be drawn to Him. And pray for the mother of Eli's school friend who is hungry to learn about the Lord and is coming to the Women's Conference.

Please continue to pray for the unity and health of the WOL team. And pray for Jon's leadership, that God would give him wisdom and help him to lead well. Also pray for the initiative of the Word of Life team to raise 100% of their support. Pray that this process will be a tremendous faith-building experience and that each team member will grow closer to God through it. Pray for peace through the process.

Please continue to pray for Jon and Bianca's boys as they adjust to their new school. Pray for boldness, protection and discernment. Also pray for the boys in the areas of friends, activities, anxiety, emotional health, motivation, and their walk with the Lord. Pray for Jon and Bianca to have wisdom, discernment, and strength as they navigate the teenage years with their boys.

Please pray for the preparation for WOL's camp season, January through February. Pray that all of the details and projects that are in motion will be completed.

Please continue to pray for God's provision of monthly support for the Fowler family and their ministry. Pray that they will see more of their ministry partners move over to WOL and continue supporting them.

The Fowler family is planning to be at The Bible Chapel for IMW in November. Pray for all the details and the funding needed to make this happen.