

Global Ministries Update on Larry and Debbie Colvin

Global Ministries is pleased to share an update on the personalized fundraising campaign to support the mission placements of Larry and Debbie Colvin, Mission Co-workers serving with the Evangelical Presbyterian (EP) Church, Ghana. Debbie and Larry Colvin began their appointments as Mission Co-workers in Ghana on October 1, 2018 and will continue their appointments until September 30, 2021. Upon their return from Ghana, Larry and Debbie will begin a six-month home assignment from October 1, 2021 until March 30, 2022.

With thanks to all who have donated, \$157,000 has been received toward the total of \$203,000 needed for their 3 year placements and 6 months of home assignment! Global Ministries is grateful for this support and for the wonderful progress that designated gifts have meant in reaching the fundraising goal for these two appointments.

Debbie and Larry are still in Ghana currently, and to-date, there are no known cases of COVID-19 in the area where they live and work. We hope you are continuing to stay connected to their work by reading their newsletters.

Global Ministries is especially grateful for the growing number of you who have chosen to become Global Ministries Mission Advocates to make monthly, quarterly, and annual gifts for the Mission Co-worker placements of Larry and Debbie Colvin. Thank you!

If you have not already (and even if you have!) Global Ministries invites you to make a new gift online or by check, or to set up an automatic recurring gift for this purpose.

Please let us know if you have questions or impressions to share about the personalized fundraising campaigns in support of new appointments of Global Ministries mission co-workers, or about other aspects of the work of Global Ministries by contacting us at gifts@dom.disciples.org or calling (317) 713-2555.

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

This summer has been unlike any other in recent memory. We have seen our community and congregation have to deal with the reality of coronavirus and the uncertainty that it has caused. Over the past few months we have moved from life as normal, to shut down and meeting entirely online, to now worshiping in a hybrid existence both online and in-person.

The changes that have come have affected not only the church, but Dexter as a whole. Businesses have had to shift gears as health and safety protocols changed, sometimes on extremely short notice. Restaurants and organizations have made changes that have repeatedly forced us all out of our comfort zones. Through it all, people have persevered, found ways to support each other, and to allow life to continue in new ways.

As I write this, the first signs of the approaching school year are beginning to emerge. Fall sports teams have begun practicing. Southeast Missouri State and Three Rivers College have both published the first draft of their reopening schedules. Stoddard County school districts have finalized their plans and are going to announce them to the public this Friday. Other fall activities are still up in the air. The shape of the county fair will not be announced until August 11.

All of this means that the series of changes that we have experienced over the past few months will continue for the foreseeable future. Life will look different. School will look different. Dexter will look different. As much as I wish this were not the case, our church will look different. Things that are considered safe today might need altered tomorrow. Things that were dangerous yesterday will someday be okay again as treatments improve and experts learn more about the virus.

My request from everyone during this uncertain time is continued patience and flexibility. Offer grace to yourself, our leaders, and each other. Everything in our world is improvisational right now. None of us have ever experienced life in a pandemic before. Show your love for God by continuing to be involved in the life of the church in whatever way you feel comfortable. Show your love for our neighbors by doing what you can to help keep them safe.

Most importantly, please pray for the leaders of our schools, our community, our nation, and our church. The elders and board of our church have had to make difficult decisions. I have been constantly impressed by their wisdom and their faithfulness. The Holy Spirit has been guiding them and will continue to do so. Thank you again for your ongoing demonstration of what it means to be the body of Christ during this challenging time.

August Serving Schedule

Elders: Debbie Ellinghouse & ?
Diaconate: Judy Rhodes & Angie Duncan), Danny Fraser and Debbie Crane
Greeter Judy Rhodes
Welcome & Worship Leader
 8-02 Debbie Ellinghouse
 8-09 Bob Barney
 8-16 Debbie Crane
 8-23 Rita Speight
 8-30 Larry Speight
Acolytes, Computer/Sound, Open/Close Church: Need Volunteers

If you will not be able to serve, please find your replacement and notify the church office who will be serving in your place.

PRAYER LIST— Bill & Dee Boesen, Addison Grace Carter, Mona Chilcutt, Amanda Corbett, Sue Waggoner-Flowers, Louise Francis, Nina Geary, Juanita Gossett, Lori Hawkins, Raydean Hendrix, Noreen Hyslop, Elvena Martin, Carolyn Montgomery, Ron Morgan, Lori Noyes (Sandy Steward’s sister), Daryl & Diana Orr, Olivia Pind, Carrol Russell, Scott Russell, Christi Slaughter (Robin Rieffer’s niece), Pastor Mike Williams’ Father, Bonnie Yersak and her son Tyler, Rick Young’s father, Jerry

Dear FCC Family,
 Over the past eight years many changes have taken place. However, one thing has remained constant, the support and kindness expressed from everyone in the congregation. Thank you for molding me into the person that I am today and helping me every step of the way.
 Thank you, Parker Vanslyke

OUTREACH NEWS—It’s time now to shop for our school kits. School supplies are going on sale everywhere. As always, we will shop for you if you want. Approximate cost of each kit is \$15.

- Items needed:
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| #2 pencils | 12” rulers |
| Ink pens | Child sized metal scissors |
| 70 page notebooks | Large erasers |
| Pencil holders | 24 count box of crayons |
| Folders with pockets | 10 count box of colored markers |

Thank you for your participation.



Here are the different ways you can continue to support the church during this time:

** Go to our website at www.fccdexter.org and scroll down and you will see a link for Online Giving. Click on that link and you will be walked through the process.

** Or from your cellphone text 8449151254 and in the message box put the amount of your giving (i.e. 5.00) and send the text. You will receive a link back to complete your transaction and the church will receive an e-mail notifying them of your gift.

** Or, you may mail your giving to First Christian Church, P. O. Box 295, Dexter MO 63841



If you are not available to join us in person for worship, you can go to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/fccdexter> and connect through the live stream.



SHUT-IN OF THE MONTH
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 A visit, card or phone call would mean so much.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10:00 Worship	3 6:00 Zumba	4 9:00 Prayer Group	5	6 6:00 Zumba	7	8
9 10:00 Worship	10 6:00 Zumba	11 9:00 Prayer Group	12	13 6:00 Zumba	14	15
16 10:00 Worship	17 6:00 Zumba	18 9:00 Prayer Group	19	20 6:00 Zumba	21	22
23 10:00 Worship	24 6:00 Zumba	25 9:00 Prayer Group	26	27 6:00 Zumba	28	29
30 10:00 Worship	31 6:00 Zumba	1 9:00 Prayer Group	2	3 6:00 Zumba	4	5