

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

❖ Faith Promise

❖ Pray for Our 16 Missionaries

**❖ 2019 Story Mission
Conference**

Story Memorial
Reaches Around the
World with
Prayer and
Faith Promise Giving

We support 16 missionaries with Faith Promise.

This is the first time in more than 10 years that we did not meet our budget.

Please, please remember that Faith Promise giving is above and after regular tithing.

WHAT IS FAITH PROMISE GIVING?

1. It is giving beyond regular tithes.
2. A method of giving which grows out of first giving ourselves to the Lord and then to His servants, "They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will"
(2 Corinthians 8:5)

3. A method which encourages voluntary, purposeful giving,

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

4. A method which encourages generous, sacrificial giving,

“We want you to know about the grace of God that has been given to the Macedonian churches, Out of their most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability” (2 Corinthians 8:1-3) “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously” (2 Corinthians 9:6)

5. Faith Promise is a method in which we trust God to provide our material needs and to give us spiritual blessings,

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all you need, you will abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8.)

“And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19)

**STORY MEMORIAL
SUPPORTS THE
FOLLOWING
16
MISSIONARIES**

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1. ELLEN BARNETT/MEXICO

Ellen has served in *Acapulco* since 1975 with MTW. Her ministry has included Bible studies; work with children, youth, and singles; and leadership training in Acapulco and Guerrero State. Ellen's present responsibilities include administering and teaching in Maranatha Bible Institute and teacher-training seminars throughout Mexico. She especially enjoys discipling young people through these ministries.

Ellen was a founding member of New Horizon Christian School in 2000 and has continued on the board ever since. She is involved in finding resources for development, strategic training for the staff and board, and fundraising.

2. Steve & Rita Williams/New Zealand



- ❖ In 2006 Steve and Rita Williams were deployed to New Zealand where they now serve with the Grace Presbyterian Church of New Zealand on a church-planting lead team in Auckland.
- ❖ Steve trains national leaders in pastoral care at Grace Theological College as well as internationally throughout the Pacific region.
- ❖ Both Steve and Rita have been active in the support and care of Christian leaders and their families.
- ❖ They also have a special heart for ministering to young adults.

All of these various ministries operate under the MTW/GPCNZ partnership project called the New Zealand Grace Care Community.

3. BILL & SUZANNE S

(THIS IS THE MOST RECENT PICTURE I
COULD FIND. BILL IS ON THE LEFT),

Their work with
Refugees is in the US.
They are often in danger.

Little can be said about their ministry.





4. JOHN AND ELIZABETH SEXTON/INTERNATIONAL

Since 2003, John and Elizabeth have served globally with MTW's medical and health ministries in more than 25 countries.

Their projects and trainings are unique to the churches' specific needs. For example, in Southeast Asia, John trained volunteers to recognize, treat, and prevent common illnesses like malaria. In West Africa, John trained seminary students to be health teachers to prevent Ebola and other diseases. The churches use these skills to share Christ with people who would otherwise be closed to the gospel.

Another passion John and Elizabeth share is ministering to Native Americans. These are truly the "forgotten people." The Sextons minister spiritually through family conferences and home visits dealing with needs such as alcohol, drugs, family violence, and other issues facing these families.

5. BILL & SUSAN CARR/MINNESOTA



- ❖ **Currently Bill and Susan are working with Native Americans in northern Minnesota. One of the greatest needs of the Native American church is spiritual leadership. The Carrs have accepted the challenge to help train leaders at Mokahum Ministry Center.**
- ❖ **Bill's role has expanded as coordinator of IMnA (Indigenous Ministries of North America), he has been on a learning curve. When he considers the needs of our MTW men and women missionaries involved in the US and Canada, he is humbled by their dedication to the people that they serve. Bill is encouraged at their drive, creativity, initiative, and reliance upon the Lord to see His church grow. They want to see disciples made among our indigenous brothers and sisters.**
- ❖ **Susan teaches at a Reservation Elementary School. She drives an hour each way every day to the school. She must leave at 5:30 am.**

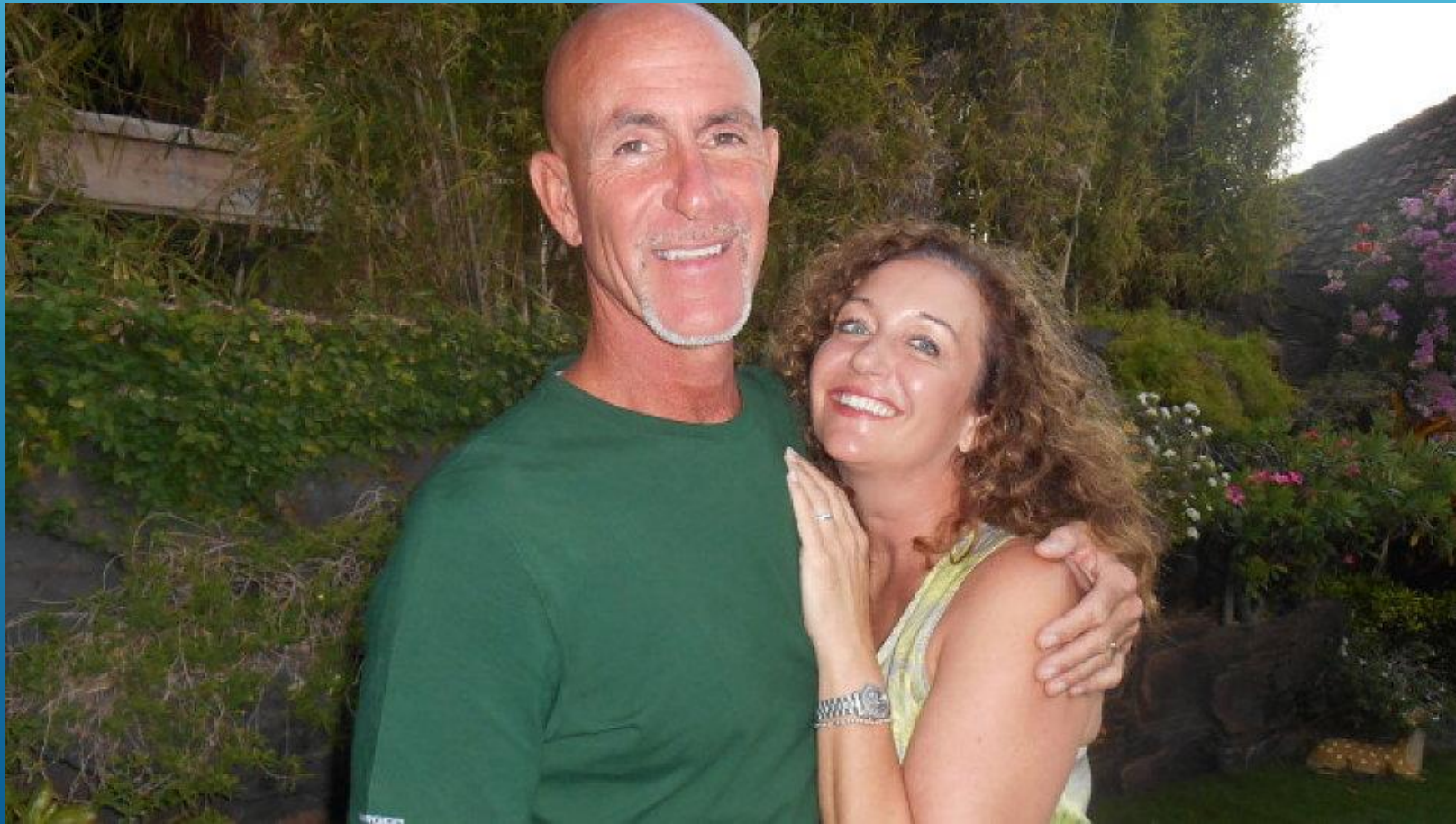


6. URSALA SPOONER

(ART PASSED AWAY IN MARCH OF 2019)

- ❖ Art and Ursula Spooner have been missionaries in Europe since 1983. They have been involved in teaching/discipling and counseling missionaries, nationals and church planters throughout those years. Both have also been involved in staffing and helping in international schools throughout Europe.
- ❖ Ursula presently resides in Vienna, Austria where she is still ministering with World in Need International, a faith-based mission. Ursula ministers to the trafficked women on the streets of Vienna and is also involved in counseling and helping with various support roles in the International Christian School of Vienna. Art had officially retired due to age and various health issues, but continued to serve in supportive roles until he died.
- ❖ Please pray especially for Ursula as she ministers in dangerous areas and deals with the loss of her husband.

7. Chuck and Jimmie Linkston are now based in the United States. They are now with Paraclete Ministries instead of MTW. They are excited and encouraged because Paraclete will support Jimmie Lynn in her passion to serve THRIVE in ministry to global women, and Chuck can continue to pursue ministry/church planting among marginal people locally and globally. This will allow both of them to minister from a home base here in the USA.





**8. TOM
&
TERESA
WILSON
JAPAN**

Singing is church planting? By all means! Tom and Teresa direct gospel, classical, and church choirs in Japan. Regardless of the genre of music, the results are the same. Christians are encouraged in their faith and worship. Secular people not only hear the gospel, but also sing it with their own lips. Believers and nonbelievers alike find that singing God's praises brings hope and joy. The Wilson's ministry is growing as Christians in the choirs share Christ with non-Christian choristers and other Christians who have been out of church fellowship come back into fellowship and worship. Non-Christian choir members who have studied the Bible for years connect the knowledge in their heads with their hearts while singing, and come to faith. Other non-Christian choir members begin to attend Bible studies and worship services, and then bring their family members and friends as well.

9. The Lyle's have been in Taiwan with MTW since 1991. Their ministry at Christ's College involves teaching English, developing relationships with students, providing encouragement, evangelizing, and mentoring.




10. David and Danielle Grotton

They were very much a part of Story Church for the past two years, are now settling into their new home in Chile. The Grottons have two sons, Jacob and Elijah.

They are missionaries with Mission to the World, the mission-sending agency of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), and they serve in Chile. They are currently in language school until approximately June 2020 and then they will re-join the team in Viña del Mar, Chile working with the “differently enabled,” the families of these individuals and the community at large.



**11. Jose
and
France-Lise
Oliveira
Senegal, West Africa**

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How great is our God! September 2019

Dear Friend,

We serve a mighty and loving King! A God who never ceases to amaze us!

- ❖ **They serve with United World Missions and Freedom to Lead in West Africa training and mentoring French speaking African Christian Leaders.**
- ❖ **They are founders and former directors of Mission Inter Senegal for over 16 years, Jose and France-Lise now train leaders in Senegal and West Africa to be better grounded in the Word and more effective in ministry to the people of West Africa. They live in Senegal, have a passion for the people there, and enjoy spending time with their grown children and young grandchildren.**

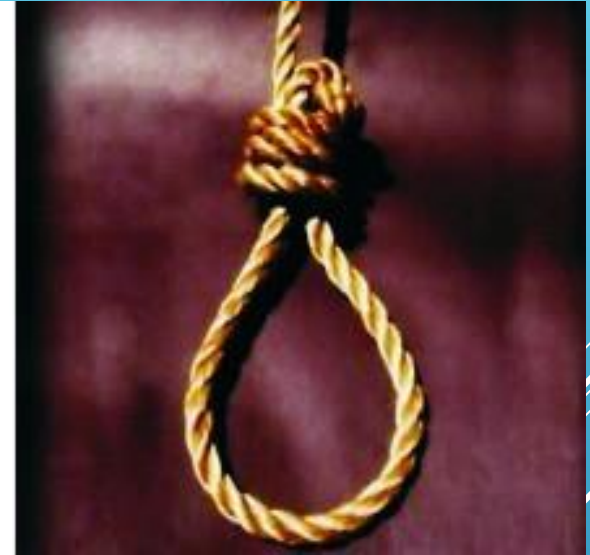
12. Rev. John and Lynn Lehn- Greater Europe Mission



The Lehns have been serving in Croatia since 1992, coming alongside nationals to help them plant churches. They are currently helping in their third church plant in Croatia, in the city of Dubrovnik on the Adriatic coast. After its first twelve years, the church plant numbered only eight members. Since the Lehns' arrival in 2012, the church has grown to 22 members. The Lehns help the national pastor to grow the church in vision, spiritual depth and number. John helps with preaching, teaching, personal discipleship and counseling. He has led in planning special evangelistic events and participates in sharing the gospel throughout the country. Lynn leads the women's ministry, teaching and counseling women and encouraging them to take a more active role in ministry. Many of the believers are serving one another and reaching out to friends, neighbors and relatives. Many are growing in their love for God's word and it is showing in the decisions they make and in the intentionality with which they live. Please pray for the continued growth of the church in Dubrovnik and for more churches to be planted throughout the region. The Lehns have three grown children who grew up on the mission field. They are all now back in the States with careers of their own.



*Pray
For
Pakistan*



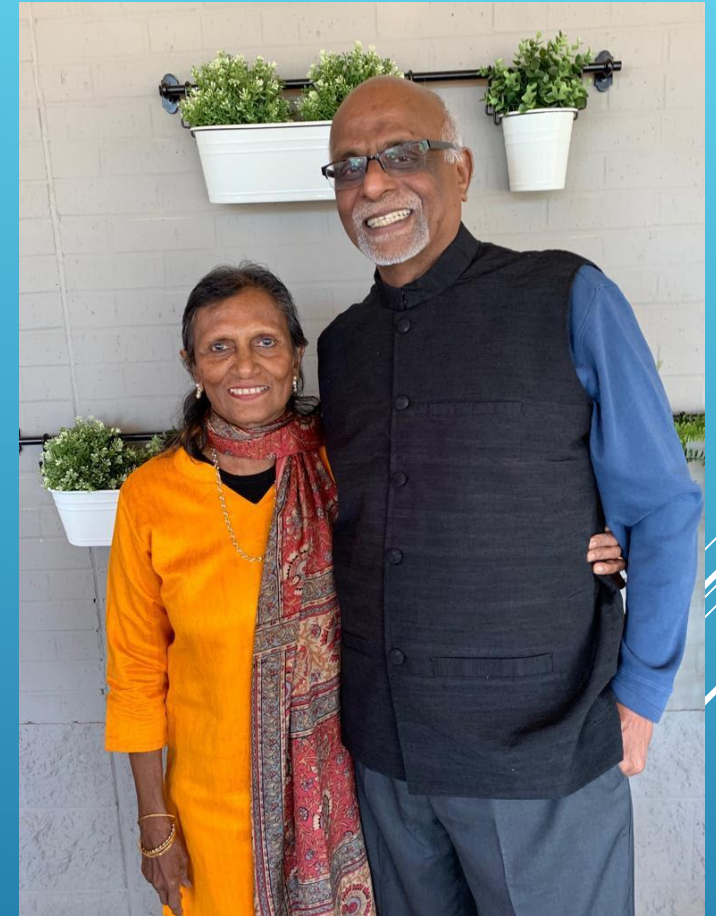
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14. Bobby and Linnet Gupta INDIA

They serve the Lord in India through the Ministries of HBI and are involved in building transformational leaders and mobilizing the Church to disciple the nation so every boy and girl, man and woman will have an opportunity to hear, understand, and respond to the Gospel and be disciplined into communities of believers.

HBI PREPARES MEN AND WOMEN FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY MISSION: TO TAKE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST TO PLACES IT HAS NEVER BEEN BEFORE. ONE THIRD OF THE 7000 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS IN THE WORLD ARE LIVING IN INDIA



- ❖ **Overview:** Hindustan Bible Institute (HBI) India has been a Mission ONE partner since 1992. HBI India's ministry includes evangelism, discipleship, church planting, and leadership training.
- ❖ Their ministry activities include gospel teams, Bible studies, all night prayer meetings, praying for sick people, open air evangelism, prison ministry, medical camps, hospital visitation, house visitation, youth fellowship, home meetings, literature distribution, fasting, working among women, children and students.
- ❖ **HBI is led by Dr. Paul R. (Bobby) and Linnet Gupta. Since 1952, HBI has been training Indian nationals for Christian ministry. In recent years, under the leadership of Bobby Gupta, HBI's vision for reaching India with the gospel and training workers has been refined. Their mission purpose is "to equip and empower evangelists, church planters, rural pastors and cross cultural missionaries through non-formal training programs, enabling them to disciple the unreached and plant churches where no church exists."**



**15. Josue
and
Ruth
Morales /
Florida**

In 2008, Equip assigned Josue and Ruth to LaBelle, Florida, where God has blessed them with a cross-cultural community, reaching the different ethnic groups, particularly the Hispanic community. The Morales' continue an active ministry volunteering at the Salvation Army Service Center, interviewing clients to qualify for food assistance, distributing food, sharing devotionals both in English and Spanish, visiting clients whom they have shared the gospel with and inviting them to church, distributing gospel tracts at the flea market, visiting the nursing home, and hosting fellowship dinners.

Our activities continue:

Devotional with the food clients before Food Distribution every Thursday mornings;

Prayer with volunteers who help us in the distribution;

Home visitation with bi-lingual pastor and his wife;

Tract distribution at the Flea Market;

Dinner Fellowships, where I cook dinner and invite friends for a time of fellowship and prayer;

One day a week at the office, at the United Way House, Room 2, for spiritual counseling and follow-up;

Hospital and Nursing Home visitation as needed.

“What we accomplished, God has already done”. We just praise Him and give God the glory.
Thanks to each one of you, for together we are partners with God.

In His love,

Josue & Ruth Morales

16. Roger & Laura Dye



A lifetime of missionary work has prepared Roger Dye for this next phase of ministry as Assistant to the Director of Hispanic Ministries with FamilyLife Global. Roger grew up in Mexico, son of missionaries Dick and Ann Dye.

Through sixteen years of church planting with Mission to the World in Chile, God led the Dyes to pursue biblical marriage education for church leaders throughout Latin America. The Dyes have four children:

They currently reside in Winnsboro, SC, ministering throughout Latin America as well as the Hispanic communities of NC, SC, GA, and TN. The desire of their heart is to train church leaders to develop local marriage ministries that will reverse the tsunami of marriage crises throughout Latin America.



For many years,
the ladies of Story's Circle 1
have faithfully supported

Sandra Hart

&

Michelle De Leon



- ❖ Sandra Hart, widow, mother of four grown daughters and RN, went on a Medical Mission Team to the Philippines in 2001.
- ❖ In 2003 Mission to the World sent her to serve for almost ten years on the field.
- ❖ She retired in 2013 and serves as a volunteer overseeing the nationals in the Philippines as Michelle De Leon carries on the ministry of Christian Education and Publishing.
- ❖ Their ministry translated the Reformed curriculum, Building Blocks of the Faith into the national language of Tagalog.
- ❖ Today they have a 5 year curriculum for ages 5-12 year olds. CE&P also has a three year Values Education curriculum which is used in public and private schools.
- ❖ These and other resource materials are provided for all denominations but especially for the Presbyterian Church of the Philippines which have approximately 300 churches.
- ❖ Last year 1090 leaders were trained with 232 churches represented and in 24 training classes. Thank you so much for your partnership which makes this ministry possible.

- ❖ Michelle is Sandra's hands and feet in the Philippines. She directs the trainings in the Phillipines.
- ❖ She is the National Director of Christian Education Center of Preaching and Teacher at VMC and part-time Faculty at PTS College & Advanced Study. (Formally, Presbyterian Theological Seminary Phillipines Now, University in Dasmariñas, Philippines)



**PLEASE PRAY DAILY
FOR OUR MISSIONARIES**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
GIVING THROUGH FAITH PROMISE**

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Story's Mission Conference

September 2019

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We've a Story to Tell



FRIDAY NIGHT

DANNY HAMPTON

&

THE FREEDOM LIFE SINGERS

LED US IN WORSHIP





FREEDOM MINISTRIES

hope for the incarcerated help for those released

Isaiah 61:1

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AFTER BREAKFAST SATURDAY MORNING

❖ SEVERAL MEN WORKED AT THE
MCDOWELL PREGNANCY HELP
CENTER

❖ OTHERS HELPED PUT TOGETHER
SAMARITAN PURSE SHOE BOXES FOR
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD





















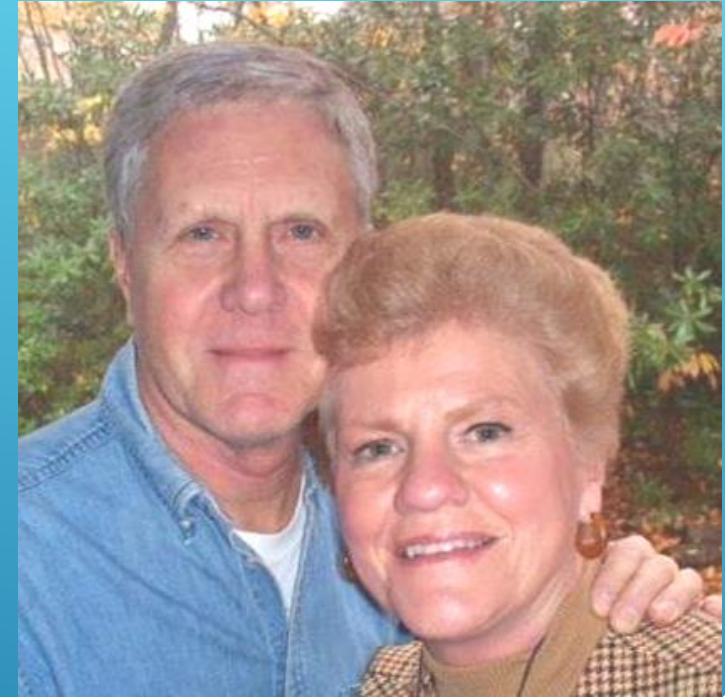






Saturday Evening

IT WAS SO SWEET TO CATCH UP
WITH DAVID, DANIELLE,
JACOB & ELIJAH GROTTON IN
CHILE VIA SKYPE!!



WE WERE BLESSED AS TOM OSTERHAUS
BROUGHT THE
MESSAGE AND WE
WORSHIPPED TOGETHER

SUNDAY MORNING

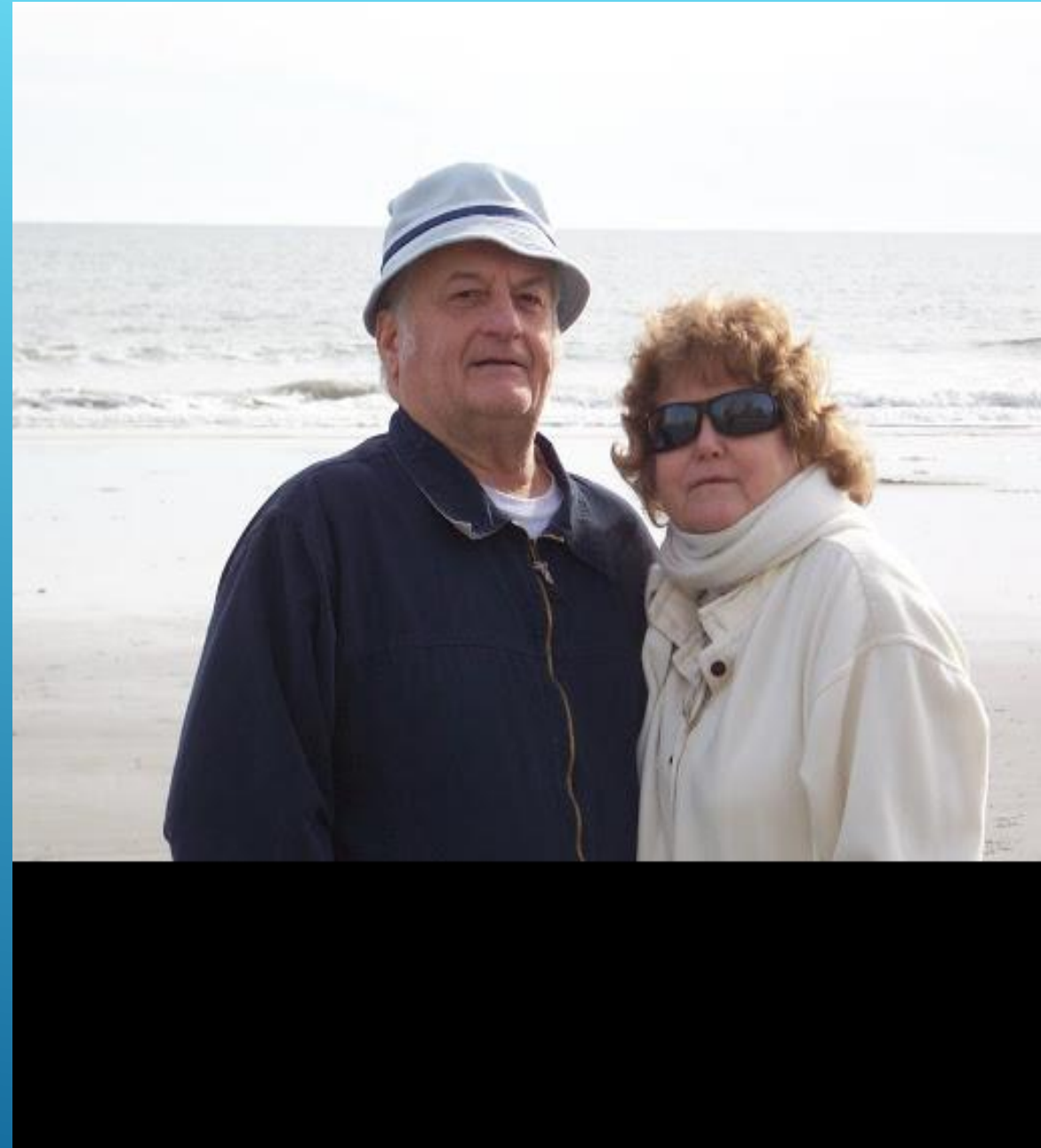


It was such a delight to get to be reacquainted with John and Lynn Lehn as they joined us for the entire conference. The Lord blessed us through John's morning message!



Roger & Laura Dye concluded the conference by sharing about their ministry during Sunday School. So thankful they could be with us. (They sent the Grottons to us!!)

Larry & Nancy
Hoch
Traveled from
Pennsylvania and
fed us well again
this year!
They sure are
a special blessing!







**WE ALWAYS EAT WELL
WHEN THE HOCHS
COOK FOR US.
EVERYONE ENJOYS
SWEET FELLOWSHIP
AROUND OUR
CONFERENCE MEALS**



























































IT IS A BLESSING TO BE A PART OF
STORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!



TO GOD BE THE GLORY!