



IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE
TO GOD’S KINGDOM AND THE GLOBAL CHURCH
THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH RECOGNIZES

Lillian and Don Dwight



FOR WILLINGLY ACCEPTING the call to serve in Taiwan from 1991 to 2024.

FOR HUMBLY RECEIVING as privilege the opportunity to learn from and embrace the Taiwanese and Filipino cultures while joining the missio Dei in an often complex yet sacred context.

FOR FAITHFULLY SERVING within your calling and gifting for global teaching and support service. For discipleship and pastoral leadership.

FOR GRACIOUSLY ENCOURAGING others, both missionary colleagues and national friends, through your gifts of education and church leadership.

FOR FAITHFULLY representing the kingdom, working in mutual partnerships, strengthening local churches, transforming individuals, families, and communities, and for affirming dignity.

FOR EFFECTIVELY LEADING by supporting the Kizimani project’s implementation of a healing arts program at New Dawn Secondary School in Nairobi; for creating and implementing a computer program at Eldo-Jamii Primary and the secondary school in Eldoret.

LILLIAN, FOR STEADFAST LEADERSHIP as school nurse, high school health class teacher, and worship leader at Morrison Academy; for your service creating and leading Bible studies at the Filipino Fellowship.

DON, FOR EFFECTIVELY LEADING at Morrison Academy as both teacher and administrator; for ministering to students through coaching; and for faithfully pastoring the Filipino Fellowship.

DON and LILLIAN, FOR COMPASSIONATELY AND GRACIOUSLY SHARING your home and lives with many friends and guests for the last 33 years.

FOR AUTHENTICALLY LOVING one another and others, and modeling what it looks like to live as citizens of the kingdom of God.

WE ALWAYS THANK GOD FOR YOU... “your faith has shown itself in action, your love in labor, and your hope of our Lord Jesus Christ in fortitude” (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3).

Presented in the city of Covington, state of Kentucky, this twenty-eighth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four.

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Erika and Nils Clauson



FOR WILLINGLY ACCEPTING the call to serve in Oaxaca, Mexicali, and Monterrey, Mexico. Beginning short-term missions in 1998 for Erika, followed by project and career missions in 2002 for both Erika and Nils.

FOR HUMBLY RECEIVING as privilege the opportunity to learn from and embrace the Mexican culture while joining the missio Dei in an often complex, yet sacred context.

FOR FAITHFULLY SERVING within your calling and gifting for discipleship, leadership development, community development, and healthy family ministries.

FOR GRACIOUSLY ENCOURAGING others, both global personnel colleagues and national friends, through your gifts of community care and global partner engagement.

FOR FAITHFULLY representing the kingdom, working in mutual partnership, empowering and transforming individuals, families, and communities, and affirming dignity.

NILS, FOR EFFECTIVELY LEADING while facilitating strategic planning for Covenant leaders; for serving on the leadership board of FUNDEFAM; for serving as treasurer and team coordinator for mission staff; for recently becoming the full-time manager of global partnerships for Covenant World Relief and Development.

ERIKA, FOR STEADFAST LEADERSHIP within MAEM (Ministering to the Abused and Exploited in Mexico), the women's discipleship group, FUNDEFAM's youth group and Fuentes Libres, serving economically poor women through micro-enterprise loans; for providing leadership development, Christian formation, and ministries of compassion and justice.

ERIKA AND NILS FOR COMPASSIONATELY AND GRACIOUSLY SHARING your home and lives with many friends and guests for the last 26 years.

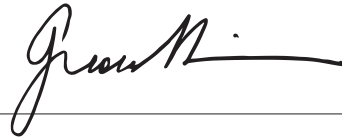
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Karen and Carl Groot



FOR WILLINGLY ACCEPTING the call to serve in Thailand from 1988 to 2024.

FOR HUMBLY RECEIVING as privilege the opportunity to learn from and embrace the Thai culture while joining the missio Dei in an often complex yet sacred context.

FOR FAITHFULLY SERVING within your calling at the Abundant Life Center (ALC) and the International Community School (ICS); for utilizing your gifts for evangelism and community development.

FOR GRACIOUSLY ENCOURAGING others, global personnel, colleagues, and national friends through your gifts of pastoral care and compassionate leadership.

FOR FAITHFULLY representing the kingdom, working in mutual partnerships, strengthening local communities, transforming individuals and families, and affirming dignity.

KAREN, FOR EFFECTIVELY LEADING within the ALC ministry; for providing small business opportunities, local outreach, and discipleship training; and for curating and participating in a vibrant worship community.

CARL, FOR STEADFAST LEADERSHIP within the ICS setting; for utilizing your cross-cultural and engineering skills for campus development and becoming a vital liaison between local contractors and school leadership.

CARL AND KAREN, FOR COMPASSIONATELY AND GRACIOUSLY SHARING your home and lives with many friends and guests for the last 36 years.

FOR AUTHENTICALLY LOVING one another and others, and for modeling what it looks like to live as citizens of the kingdom of God.

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Janet and Ron Ziegelbaur



FOR WILLINGLY ACCEPTING the call to serve in Zaire (now known as the Democratic Republic of Congo) in 1986 to 1988 (short-term technical services in Karawa), then 1991 for Ron; 1988 to 1991 (short-term surgical technologist and accounting in Karawa), then 1993 for Janet; for both serving faithfully in the Central African Republic as well as Cameroon, their place of retirement.

FOR HUMBLY RECEIVING as privilege the opportunity to learn from and embrace the Congolese, Central African Republic, and Cameroonian cultures while joining the

missio Dei in an often complex yet sacred context.

FOR FAITHFULLY SERVING WITHIN YOUR CALLING at Rain Forest International School as educators, technical services director, guidance counselor, and mentors.

FOR GRACIOUSLY ENCOURAGING global personnel colleagues, students, and national friends through your gifts of pastoral care and hospitality.

JANET, FOR EFFECTIVELY providing Christian education and discipleship for your students; for serving as country coordinator and providing vital accounting and administrative support to your team members.

RON, FOR STEADFAST LEADERSHIP in technical support for RFIS as well as overseeing all necessary construction; for providing educational support and relaying your vision for improving the facility collaboratively with your Cameroonian team members.

RON AND JANET, FOR COMPASSIONATELY AND GRACIOUSLY SHARING your home and lives with many friends and guests for the last 33 years.

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Becci Swearingen



FOR WILLINGLY ACCEPTING the call to serve in Kenya from 2018 to 2024.

FOR HUMBLY RECEIVING as privilege the opportunity to learn from and embrace the Kenyan culture while joining the missio Dei in an often complex yet sacred context.

FOR FAITHFULLY SERVING within your calling and gifting for education, creating curriculums, and mentoring.

FOR GRACIOUSLY ENCOURAGING teaching colleagues, ministry partners, and national friends through your gifts of compassion, justice, and mutual collaboration.

FOR FAITHFULLY representing the kingdom, working in honoring partnerships, strengthening local schools, transforming individuals, families, and communities, and affirming dignity.

FOR EFFECTIVELY LEADING by supporting the Kizimani project’s implementation of a healing arts program at New Dawn Secondary School in Nairobi; for creating and implementing a computer program at Eldo-Jamii Primary and the secondary school in Eldoret.

FOR STEADFAST LEADERSHIP serving the Evangelical Covenant Church Kenya (ECCCK) by creating and writing the curriculum for the 2024 inaugurated Ushauri youth mentorship program.

FOR COMPASSIONATELY AND GRACIOUSLY SHARING your life and home with many friends and guests for the last six years.

FOR AUTHENTICALLY LOVING others and modeling what it looks like to live as a citizen of the kingdom of God.

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**The Evangelical Covenant Church presents the
2024 T.W. Anderson Outstanding Layperson Award to**

Scott Peterson



Scott Peterson has been a lifelong member of First Evangelical Covenant Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan. His life is a testimony to his faith and his love of the mission of the gospel. For over 50 years, he has been a faithful servant of the Lord.

Scott has served not only at First Evangelical Covenant Church but has extended himself beyond the walls of the church to share the gospel. He has volunteered at several CHIC (now Unite) conferences and volunteered on high school ski trips, bike trips, and countless trips to Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp with groups for camp workdays.

Scott's work at Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp has shined a light on his love for the Lord. He loved camp as a kid, and he and his family saw camp life as a missional life. Scott met his wife, Terry, while serving on summer staff at Portage Lake. An electrician by trade, Scott has used his expertise as an infrastructure problem-solver. Among his many efforts included are:

- Leading the building of new lakeside cabins, renovations on every building on camp, the moving of the camp road, the building of the challenge course, and his endless work to keep all systems functioning.
- Filling in as cook—managing the kitchen and staff for numerous summers when needed.
- Representing camp at zoning and township meetings on a regular basis.
- Encouraging summer staff and training them in many areas around camp.
- Managing design and bidding for the camp dining hall project now underway.
- Simply supporting the work of camp.
- Organizing multiple golf fundraisers and other opportunities for people to financially support Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp.

Over the years and decades Scott has lived a life of service, commitment, and love for the mission of the gospel.

We celebrate Scott Peterson, recipient of the 2024 T.W. Anderson Award, and give God thanks for his faithful service.

Presented at the 138th Annual Meeting, on the twenty-eighth day of June in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-four.



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Dierdra Clark, CORPORATE SECRETARY