

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 and joined Word of Life (WOL) Panama, where Jon is the National Director. 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 Director, 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, who has been attending the WOL Bible Institute in New York since the Fall of 2022, Ezra, and Elijah.

The Bible Chapel has partnered with the Fowlers since 2014.

AUGUST 2024

PRAISE

- ❖ A Huge Praise - purchase of the Fowler home - the transaction was finalized Monday 7/15/24. "How are you doing? Better than I deserve!"
- ❖ Hotel - up to 23% of funds are in. Hoping to get the 1st floor before camp. This is Jon's 1st building project.
- ❖ The Coronado Church is booming! No pastor yet, but adding new elders.
- ❖ 17 countries represented at English Camp with 35 1st time decisions. There is one Muslim girl and one Russian.
- ❖ Women's Conference - sent save the date and the theme is "God's Design for Womanhood" The speaker is from Nicaragua - and husband passed away.

PRAYER

Food For Farming - Marianos Rivero's uncle helping with Farming the Biblical Way. WOL does not have to do anything but provide the land. The program helps provide evangelism and learning financial skills, and help the camp with food.

The Camp structure change is taking effect and it is good with Juampi running day to day camp activities. The six departments are: Marketing, Finance, Education, Evangelism (camps, teams, events), Discipleship School (25 students now) and Local Church Ministries. A seventh will be students from the U.S.

There were 11 staff when Jon joined and now there are 40 on staff!

Three Fowler boys busy schedule:

Eli & Ezra in Minnesota

Jon & Bianca back to Panama tomorrow and back to PGH in mid-August

New York Word of Life graduation for Ethan

Ezra moves into WOL New York in September

October 18 - Ethan's wedding

Ethan & Cassidy joining Jon's team in December

Northway Church

Jen's team - 10 ladies. Training on 7/23 - all will share their testimonies and raising funds.