

PANAMA



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MEET The Fowlers

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.

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PRAISE

- 1st week of Scholarship Camp starting Tuesday 1/14/25 with 170 campers & 80 90 counselors for a total of 280 at camp!
- TBC Panama team of 13 arrived at camp Sunday 1/12/25 and helped prepare the grounds before the campers arrived.
- Coronado Church attendance is reaching to 230 -250 people each Sunday - God is moving there! Jon is preaching Mathew all year and loving it.
- Ethan & Cassidy are doing great post wedding and back from CT to Minnesota. The goal is to be in Panama soon as they have raised the start-up funds and gaining their monthly support dollars. Spread the word to donate a monthly gift to this couple!
- The Panama staff is now at 45 missionaries!
- Camp season will be 7.5 weeks this year.

PRAYER

• Please pray for Jon's Mother & Father and their daughter Esther. We pray that God would work on opening Esther's heart to communicate with her parents. This is a difficult time especially for Jon's Mom.

• We are praying for Jon's Dad who is looking for a new job position, but God has placed him in a pastoring position of a church. We pray for his discernment for God's calling in his life.

• We pray for two missionaries - Erodes & Roberto who suddenly lost their support from a significant church. Jon was able to communicate with the church and get a reasonable tapering of funds, however this definitely impacts their ability to serve. We pray that God will provide for their ministry needs in the near future.

The new hotel at camp has funding through March, but will need funding of \$795k to finish the project.
We pray for the contractor that is building the new cabins that he finish the work with top quality and timeliness.