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Rev. Jonathan McCurley (Fund #705, Project #3021131) serves at the Asian Rural Institute in northern Japan. He serves as community life coordinator. The Asian Rural Institute is an ecumenical ministry that seeks to build an environmentally healthy, just, and peaceful community in which all persons can live to their fullest potential. The institute and Global Ministries are strong mission partners, and the relationship has intensified in the aftermath of the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami that adversely affected the region. Jonathan is a candidate for elder's orders in the Florida Annual Conference. Send emails to cyz11564@gmail.com.



Sandra Raasch (Fund #705, Project #15075Z) serves as Volunteers Coordinator. She formerly worked in mission finance in Honduras. Sandra was commissioned as a missionary in 2005. She was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and attended the University of Missouri in Columbia, earning her Bachelor of Science in business administration and finance in 1987. Send emails to godsplansforme2011@gmail.com.

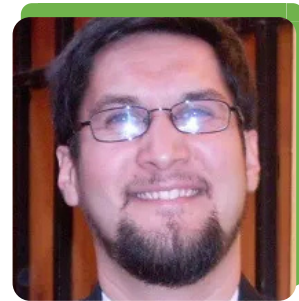


Belinda Forbes (Fund #705, Project #12109Z) serves in Nicaragua, Central America and has carried out her missionary service in different placements. A dentist by profession, Dr. Forbes serves God and the Church by contributing to community dental health programs, coordinating short-term mission teams, mentoring volunteers, and interfacing with international partner organizations. Send emails to belindagbgm@gmail.com.



Rev. Young Seon (Christina) Kim (Fund #705, Project #3021957) serves as director of the Next Generation Ministries of the church in Tanzania, based in Dar es Salaam. Objectives of Rev. Kim's work include preparing pastors and lay leaders with skills in relating to young people and analysis of the youth ministries presently underway in each of the church's districts. Rev. Kim, a native of South Korea, is a clergy member of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference, ordained an elder in 1999. Send emails to YKim@umcmmission.org.

Daniel Humberto Contreras Varas (Fund #705, Project #3022778) serves at the United Methodist Mission in Honduras. Daniel is a member of Segunda Methodist Church in Iquique, Chile. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Arturo Prat University and a Bachelor of Theology at Comunidad Teologica Evangelica de Chile (Evangelical Theological Community of Chile), Concepcion. He has served as a pastor and school chaplain in different places in Chile. Send emails to dvaraseumcmmission.org.



Guillermo Berman Ramirez (Fund #705, Project #3019612) serves in his home country of Mexico as the Mexican Methodist Border Mission Coordinator based in Reynosa. Serving in a similar ministry since 2001, Willie has worked with VIM teams from annual conferences in Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Ohio, Tennessee and Iowa. Willie's call to mission was inspired by the work of his parents (lay persons) as they received and worked with mission teams in the poor areas of Reynosa, Mexico. Send emails to manosjuntasmexico@hotmail.com.



Sandra Esther Awour Muga (Fund #705, Project #3022758) is an international Global Mission Fellow engaged in a two-year term of service. At John Wesley United Methodist Church, Migori (Kenya-Ethiopia Annual Conference), Sandra attends services regularly and shares the story of God's amazing love. An active member of the youth choir, she is also part of the praise and worship team. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in commerce at Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya. She worked as a logistics officer for the Ministry of Health in Nairobi and volunteered with the Homabay (Kenya) Community Development Organization. Send emails to smugaumcmmission.org.



Dexter F. Ceballos (Fund #705, Project #3022705) is a Global Missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, serving as the country director of the United Methodist Mission in Mongolia. Dexter is an elder in the Southern Tagalog Provisional Philippines Annual Conference East. The Mongolia Mission Initiative, where Dexter is assigned, continues to progress steadily, especially in the areas of congregational and leadership development, Christian education and social ministries. Initiative leaders envision a strong, vibrant and witnessing church in Mongolia, and the role of the country director is crucial in realizing this vision. Send emails to dfernandezumcmmission.org.



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