

# Mission Partner Updates

**Dale & Janet Horst**—Playas, Ecuador

Lifeline champions— Marge & Kevin Martin  
*"Micro-finance project begins in Playas! One group functioning well; new possibilities on the horizon. Financial partners needed. Woodworking program in Onzole top priority. New women's Bible study group starting. Kids have new Boxer pup (with a story!)"*

**Nikki Horne**—Guayaquil, Ecuador

Lifeline champion - Shawna Macdonald  
*"The past several months have been full of action. I co-lead two construction teams into the Onzole River to build a woodworking shop as well as a medical tent that assessed well over 500 people from the area."*

**Nadine Feser**—Tanzania, Africa

Lifeline champion - Michelle Farquharson  
*"We sent Nipe Jibu off to the Zanzibar International Film Festival. They are super excited to show it, and asked that the Sowers Group, who wrote much of the music, perform before and after the showing. We also have three volunteers here for the summer."*

**Brett & Grace Ostrander**—The Philippines

Lifeline champions - Karl & Mary Gingerich  
*Brett and Grace were hoping to come to Canada in May to celebrate their marriage with Brett's family, but they weren't able to get a visa for Grace. They are reapplying for the visa, so pray they will get one.*

**Tyson & Carolina Malo**—Cochabamba, Bolivia

Lifeline champion - Mel Martin  
*Tyson is in the US and Canada, sharing about Ninon con Valor. Along with Carolina being mom and dad to the kids, there is a lot going on: new volunteers are starting and quarterly reports are due. You can meet Tyson on June 22 at the Pork BBQ fundraiser.*

**Terry & Brenda Martin**—Niverville, Manitoba

Lifeline champions—Pending  
*"God's transforming power was evident at the National Rising Above Aboriginal Healing Conference as seven participants decided to follow Jesus and several more made huge steps in their recovery from their abuse issues."*

**Trevor & Rebecca Gingerich**—Humber College church

*"The Embassy at Humber College continues to grow! However, more than 50% of this year's budget still needs to be fundraised; please pray with us as we continue to trust God for this need. THANKS for your continued support!"*

**Craig & Leilani Bauman** (International Teams Canada)

*Craig and his team serve about 100 long-term missionaries as well as hundreds of short-term workers. For weekly ministry updates and a glimpse into the Bauman's family life, visit their blog at <http://baumanfamilypaths.blogspot.com>.*

**Karl & Mary Gingerich** (International Teams Canada)

*"I'm off to ICCM June 17-22 in Indiana, a conference on computing in missions ([www.iccm.org](http://www.iccm.org)). I will be training, networking, learning about tech stuff and playing in the worship band. This is always a high light of my year. Pray that I'm effective in serving!"*

**Gord & Sharon Skopnik** (International Teams Canada)

*Gord is in Sudan from June 3 - 24, connecting with project leaders. Because Christian education is so critical in the restructuring of a country, building schools is a primary focus of IT's work there. A primary school is under construction but they need \$18,000 to finish it.*

## Falling into grace

"I awoke with an understanding of what had just occurred, and Nadine's limp body next to me affirmed it," writes Tom Shank, recalling the moments after he, and Elevation mission partner Nadine Feser, fell 80 meters down a steep gorge.

Although injured himself, Tom was able to recruit some local Maasai men to help carry Nadine out of the gorge, where a local mission assisted in getting her to a hospital.

Nadine's survival shocked both the local men and her doctor, and although Nadine

remembers very little of the fall or the week following, she reminds herself that she lived through the pain and is blessed not to remember it. In her words, "Grace is a good thing."

It would seem that grace covers this whole event. One thing Nadine does remember is that there "were three of us climbing out of the gorge. Whenever I asked who the third person was, everyone reminded me that it was just Tom and I. But I remember three of us."

A little over a month after



the accident, Nadine's own grace is apparent as she celebrates small victories like rolling in bed on her own, and learning to walk again alongside her youngest nephew.

Prayers are needed for Nadine's continued healing, and donations for a "equipment restoration fund" as she continues her role as Artistic Director at Pamoja Ministries in Tanzania, Africa. To help Nadine, click "donations" at [www.elim.ca](http://www.elim.ca).

—Maria-Elyse Vermeer

Karl Gingerich, with some of the computer systems at work



**Pork BBQ Fundraiser for Ninos Con Valor Orphanage on Tues June 22. Dinner 5:30pm to 7:30pm, program to follow. Take-out is available. Contact Dawn or Garry Malo for tickets at the resource table.**



Global Ministries

# The Global Update

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Tech support across the world**
- **Our sobering mandate**
- **Updates from our Mission Partners**
- **Falling into grace**



*William Carey: In a meeting with the missionary society in London, the leaders asked, "Who will go down to the Heathen and take them the Gospel? Carey spoke up and said, "I will go...but you must hold the rope for me!"*

## Tech support across the world

It's late at night, but at the International Teams Canada office in Elmira, Ontario, Karl Gingerich's computer is still lit up. Keys clatter in the empty office as he chats with a missionary in Iraq. It is early morning there, and Insaf is wondering why her wireless internet wasn't working last night. Karl talks her through some possibilities. Then she asks him to pray for her. She will be visiting refugees in several villages today, and she is worried about her safety. "I will," promises Karl before signing off for the night.

Karl is the IT guru at International Teams Canada, a Christian mission focused on helping the disadvantaged in many countries, particularly refugees. About a hundred

people rely on him for technical support as they share the gospel.

Karl works hard to find technologies that enable them to communicate easily and efficiently across time zones and continents.



Documents can be shared online, conference calls held across the world for free, and missionaries can talk by video with friends and family. Karl sets a new missionary up with the computer, programs, and

accounts that they will need to do their job well. From his office in Elmira, Karl can talk a missionary through technical problems, or even remotely control her computer to fix it.

Karl has been at International Teams for 7 years. Before that, he was a computer consultant. As a home office staff of International Teams, he raises his own support, something that is difficult while living in Canada. But God has faithfully provided for him and his wife Mary over the years. Karl and Mary live in Elmira and have three grown children.

Karl loves knowing that work affects lives all over the world. "It's very rewarding work, to know that the energy spent is going to kingdom purposes."

—Jeanette Duncan

## Our sobering mandate

A tumble down a cliff, being robbed at gun point, struggling to obtain a travel visa, a middle of the night house break-in, dealing with intense loneliness, witnessing firsthand the ravages of war and famine... these have been just a few of the challenging recent experiences of our mission partners. It quickly dispels any romanticised notion about "overseas" mission.

Mission is serious business! It requires the sacrificial participation of many. Karl, this month's featured partner, plays a critical role in ensuring that mission continues. (I have heard it said that it takes 10 people working on the home front to keep one person functioning well overseas.)

The Global Ministries Committee is sobered by it all, and we desire to do our part. We

intend to do all within our ability to be supportive, and to highlight the needs and opportunities for partnership. We recognise that those living overseas daily face a vast range of experiences and sometimes very dramatic challenges. We have launched Lifelines Teams and this newsletter, and in the months ahead hope to reveal some exciting short term and internship opportunities.

—Jeremy Horne, Chair, GMC