

Missionary Highlight

Carl & Karen Groot — Thailand — Serve Globally
The Abundant Life Center (ALC) retreat took place March 4-6, with many precautions in place; 4 vehicles and 21 people went down to the Baptist Retreat Center after waiting 3 years for this annual event.



We took COVID tests, limited the number of guests going, reduced the number from 12 to 7 people per house, all meetings and eating were out in the open.

What a wonderful time to reconnect, worship God, rest and enjoy being together...it felt like 'coming home.'

One incredible blessing was the late arrival of one of our leader's brother who had an incredible turn-around in his life as both a drug user and dealer. He had been vocally opposed to God, ALC and his family following Jesus.

His praise for God, his full participation in every activity, his taking a bus on his own on the 2nd day to join us ...it was nothing short of a miracle. All praise to God!

P.S. — Despite all precautions, one member came down with COVID and the ALC people were in quarantine for 7 days. Thankfully, no one else contracted COVID.

Prayer Requests:

1. For the new leadership to keep the ALC ministry going.
2. For our three leaders who are leaving to go back home that they be salt & light for God's kingdom.
3. For the Groots as they labor at the Abundant Life Center ministry.

March 2022	YTD Giving	YTD Expenses
General Fund (Calendar Year)	\$ 58,487	\$ 72,389
Missions Fund (Budget Year)	\$ 80,261	\$ 81,945



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Weekly Events & Opportunities

- A Mother's Room (back of the sanctuary) and Nursery (downstairs) are available for **families with young children**.
- **Faith Promise Cards** — Promises received to date: \$58,805 Please continue to pray about your part of the Faith Promises. The goal is \$72,000, which is the current amount of support we give.
- **Bluewater Family Camp** — Mark your calendars for July 29-31! Be sure to sign up today!
- **Bluewater Cleanup Day** — Roland Wallestad & Kurt Boyum are organizing a Bluewater cabin cleanup day for April 30. If you are interested in helping, please contact Justin Carney at
- **The Costa Rica Missions Team is off!** They will be leaving April 18 and returning April 26. Thank you for all of your prayers until now, and we hope you will continue to pray for us while we're gone. Please pray that:
 1. We would honor and glorify God in what we say and do. That we would be excited about sharing Jesus!
 2. We would be flexible in whatever situations we encounter, but be prepared for what we've been assigned.
 3. All the details would be worked out.
 4. We would stay healthy, have safe travels, and have fun. We are hoping to update you from Costa Rica through the church's Facebook page, and prayer requests thru the email or texts. Thanks so much for covering us with your prayers!

- **Prayer Gathering** — Mondays at 6:30pm
- **Celebrate Recovery** — Tuesdays at 7pm in Room 200
- **Men's Bible Study** — Wednesdays at 7am at the Coffee Landing
- **Ladies Bible Study** — Wednesdays at 1pm in Sparky Room #1
- **Awana Clubs** — Wednesdays; Supper & Clubs from 5:15-7:30pm;
- **Teens** — Wednesdays at 6-8pm in the lower level
- **DivorceCare** — Thursdays at 6:30pm in Sparky Room #1
- **Young Adults** — Thursdays at 7pm in the lower level

Breakfast with Jesus

John 21.15-19

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."