

Missionary Highlight



Tim & Mary Sue Austin
– Converge Worldwide

Seeking candidates for summer internship! Do you know someone who might be looking for a way to participate in ministry internationally? Our team in Senegal hosted four interns this past summer who all reported having had good experiences here as they got an inside look at missionary life.

In the course of six weeks, they were exposed to a range of local ministry options: got a taste of Senegalese culture and history, received some training in discipleship ministry and even learned a little of the Wolof language.

We would also like to invite you to participate with us in starting 2024 in prayer for us and our Metro SanWest Initiative team. Actually, it is not so much for us and our team, but for the world we are engaged in. As a team we are asking God for 5% of the people in what we refer to as Senegal's 'urbantriangle' to become reproducing disciples of Jesus. And our emphasis in this effort is on the unreached Wolof and Fulani in the region. The task is impossibly huge from a human standpoint, so we need an abundance of prayer.

For now we are walking in faith, taking steps that equip us for ministry with our Converge colleagues. To that end, learning French is a priority.

Prayer Requests:

1. For our language learning process in French.
2. For the recruitment of interns for the summer of 2024.
3. For more people to engage with us through prayer.

December 2023

YTD Giving

YTD Expenses

General Fund (Calendar Year)	\$ 257,232	\$ 245,919
Missions Fund (Budget Year)	\$ 48,869	\$ 49,297



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Weekly Events & Opportunities

- A Parent's Room (back of the sanctuary) and Nursery (downstairs) are available for **families with young children**.

Nicaragua Missions Team –

- Please continue to pray for our missions team in Nicaragua; for the team to finish well, health, and for safe travel home. They arrive back in Minnesota late Tuesday evening, January 16.

- **Women Growing Together** – Monday, January 22 at 7pm. Missy Ruelle will be sharing.

- **Northern Options for Women Gala** – will be held on Monday, February 12 at 5:30pm. You may purchase tickets online at northernoptions.org or in the NOFW office.

- **Seder Meal** – March 28 from 5-7pm; Wes Taber from Life in Messiah will be leading us through a Seder meal. Tickets will be \$20/person and available for purchase in the lobby or during church office hours.

• Annual Meeting Details

- Sunday, February 4 • following the worship service
- Leadership Team candidates are: (Choose 1 each)
 - Chairman: David Hebig
 - Personnel: Andy Hedlund, Zach Scofield, Corin Wenger
 - Properties: Justin Carney

Nominating Committee candidates are: (Choose 4)

Will Davies	Kathy Galusha
Lois Lundin	Kimberly Dawn Nyborg

- **Sunday Morning Prayer Time** – office off of the sanctuary platform at 9:30am.

- **Adult Sunday School** – Room 200 at 9:30am.

- **All Church Camp** at Bluewater Covenant Bible Camp will be July 26-28! Mark your calendars!

Bless Your Community

Jeremiah 29.4-11

4 "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. 6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. 7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. 8 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, 9 for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the Lord.

10 "For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. 11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.