

meet the **FOWLERS**



PANAMA

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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 to take the position of Ministry Coordinator with Word of Life (WOL) Panama. 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 Ministry Coordinator, 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 15; 'Ezra 13; and Elijah 10.

recent prayer requests

The family is doing well, largely staying at home now. The boys are restless but getting used to the restrictions. People are allowed out only between 5:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. This has separated the team; half live in Panama City and half near the camp. Since travel is restricted the team is cut off from each other. Pray for the team to feel connected and to remain healthy.

So far the virus has not spread too badly. However, if the conditions get worse enough, the government may set up tented hospital on the Word of Life campgrounds. Word of Life has agreed to this.

Pray for Panama as a sense of panic is setting in because of the Coronavirus. Schools are closed until April 7.

Ethan is doing a bit better, though Jon and Bianca still covet your prayers! They thank everyone who sent messages of encouragement to them! It meant so much!

They had a great camp season! They survived their first camp season and learned a ton!

The Coronavirus is forcing/allowing the Fowler family to spend some much needed time at home.

They are thankful for God's constant provision and faithfulness! They are 100% funded.

The police have asked WOL if they would be willing to let them use the camp property to house people in quarantine or observation with the Coronavirus. Pray for wisdom and opportunities to share the gospel with people in this uncertain time.

Pray for their boys that they will not get behind in school work due to the Coronavirus cancellations and continue to pray for friendships for their boys.

Pray for the possibility of starting an English speaking Bible Club in Coronado.