



Along with Barnabas

ministry update from Bill & Kathy Kieselhorst
serving as Emissaries with Foursquare Missions

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Cross-cultural stress

- Culture
- Field trauma
- Stress
- Fatigue
- PTSD
- Illness
- Depression
- Fear/anxiety
- Isolation
- Abuse
- Loss of competency
- Language acquisition

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Kieselhorst Care Team

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Foursquare Missions International
PO Box 26776
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Recently, we accepted a new assignment to serve as Emissaries on a missionary care team. Foursquare Missions International wants retired missionaries who can shepherd current missionaries serving on the field or transitioning back to the US. Simply by living and working in a cross-cultural context, most missionaries suffer from prolonged stress of one kind or another. They willingly leave home and are separated from their support systems which normally bring much-needed personal, emotional support. It takes years to establish a local support network in an adopted culture. Living on the field can bring unusual levels of stress in adjusting to new cultural norms. Even returning home brings stress in readjusting; it can be culture shock in reverse. Our care team seeks to bring empathetic companionship to those working with these transitions.

We've been involved with FMI in various capacities for over 30 years. We took our four children to Nigeria for five years, where our oldest son graduated from high school. Once we returned home, we worked with FMI and our NW District churches in identifying, training, and sending missionaries in their involvement with FMI. As Emissaries, our history and commitment to the mission of the Church has brought us to a new focus that allows us to remain in our home and serve our missionaries as compassionate listeners and companions since we can identify with their needs and circumstances. We are connected to roughly 300 Foursquare workers globally and are available for mentoring, coaching and companion care. These relationships are confidential in a safe, supportive, setting.

God's calling and gifting are foundational to kingdom service, and we know that a lifetime of experience has shaped our personalities, character and values. As missionaries living in Africa, and working with many leaders, we have a foundation to serve missionaries primarily by listening, reflecting and offering perspective to our colleagues. As elders, we function out of a deeper wisdom.

We are easily empathetic with missionaries. We will connect with our missionaries through FaceTime or Zoom calls or meeting them in person as they are in our area.

We ask that you pray for all our missionaries for God's grace to cover their lives. We also ask that you pray for us in this new ministry of grace. We need your support personally, prayerfully and financially.

Blessings in Jesus' name,

Bill and Kathy

