



2023 MGF Annual Summer Conference

United in the Spirit

Fellowship Bulletin

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Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. Ephesians 4:3 NLT

2023 MGF Annual Conference: August 5-8



Missionaries Wendy Penner, Caroline Harbaugh, Sangeetha Abraham, Heather Rix, and Ranjita Kumar - embracing hellos!



Missionaries Jim Slinker and Seng Bun sharing over a meal.



Missionaries Duane Kepner and Terry Harbaugh meet again!



MGF Youth Isaac Abraham –
2023 Conference Photographer.

SATURDAY - *Hellos & Business*

Missionaries arrive from all over North America and check in at the mission headquarters in Turlock, CA, then are off to the homes of their local conference hosts. During the evening, First Baptist Church generously opens their doors to the entire MGF Family (missionaries, MGF board and staff) and provide dinner and a place for our annual business meeting. There is much joyful fellowship as we come together as a family.

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SUNDAY - *Worship, Fellowship & Rest*

Missionaries attend church with their hosts or visit one of their supporting churches and enjoy food, fellowship and rest. Hope Church, Turlock, graciously prepares and serves the MGF Family dinner at their church, and our evening service, which is open to the public, is held by our 2023 Host Church, Monte Vista Chapel. Enclave Church provides worship music, and Ron Holcomb (wife Char), missionary to immigrants in Portland, Oregon, brings a message.



Missionaries Daniel Hilson & Mon Singh relax.



Friends of MGF provide string quartet music.



New Missionary Martha Chavez shares about her ministry.



MGF Family & Enclave Church provide music for worship.



MGF Youth, Moses, Levi and Eden have some fun!



Missionary Rob Penner, Hope Church meal team and Board Wife Merlin Perumalla.

MONDAY - Worship & Fellowship

Missionaries return to our considerate and attentive 2023 Host Church, Monte Vista Chapel (MVC), where the MGF Board Wives serve breakfast and MVC serves a hearty lunch. The MGF family together enjoys fellowship, worship, sharing, praying, and hearing from MGF's new missionaries. A pleasant dinner takes place at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and then we enjoy another evening service at MVC with MGF missionaries providing worship and Ron Holcomb speaking.



Missionary Crisman Koechig leads morning worship.



Worshipping together at Monte Vista Chapel.



Missionaries Cyndi & Paul Peck small group sharing.



Missionaries Curtis & Jen Burnam & Daniel Fox sharing a meal.



New Missionary Roberto Valencia shares about his ministry.



Denise & Julian-child care, and MGF Kids enjoy getting cool!



Missionary Abraham & Sangeetha John & Sons, and other MGF Family members provide PM worship music.



Guest Speaker Ron Holcomb

TUESDAY - Worship, Fellowship & Goodbyes

Our last day together! We return to our 2023 Host Church, MVC, and enjoy each other's company again over breakfast. Then we gather for worship and to hear the MGF Director share about the state of the MGF organization, followed by a beautiful time of sharing the bread and the cup of communion. We paused for an enjoyable lunch provided at and by Crossroads Church, and then spent the remainder of the day just relishing each other's company in conversation and recreation, along with an ethnic food dinner prepared by an MGF Board Family.



Missionaries Roberto Valencia, Nelson Venegas, & Tech Support George Gardner share last lunch together.



Missionaries Ranjita & Abhinav Lal & MGF Family Japjit and Alex Perumalla share a goodbye photo.



New Missionary Abbi Yatir and MGF Board Member Kenny Perumalla.



LuAnn Hyatt, wife of MGF Director, and MGF toddler Diego!



Missionary Care Directors Jake & Jennah Fair and Missionaries Jasvir Basi, Shawn Coleman, & Daniel Hilson huddle for prayer.



MGF Secretary Leslie Cullum, Missionaries Martha Chavez, Rob and Wendy Penner, and Tomas & Luisa Luis and children.

Remembering Joe Bair

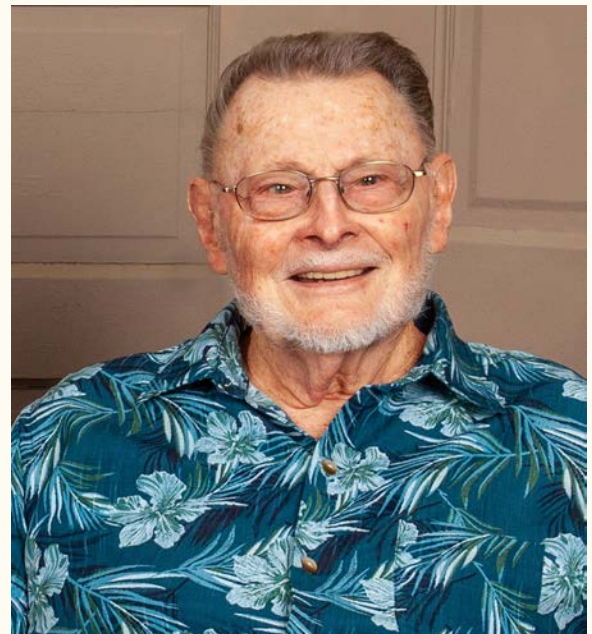
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MGF Board Member 1975 - 2023

Joe Bair grew up in a musical family + married Alice Baltz, who also grew up in a musical family which = their own family who enjoyed music, and sang and played instruments in many places, including mission sites of the MGF missionaries in the US and Mexico. He served in the US Naval Reserve, as an active duty Hospital Corpsman, and was an educator for 50 years in California Schools.

As an MGF board member he served on several committees, including Radio (former), Personnel, and Scholarship, and cared deeply about the MGF missionaries and those to whom they ministered to. We will all miss him very much.

His exhortation to us all – “Love God. Love your wife and family. Reflect God’s love to others.”



New Missionaries



Martha Chavez – New Missionary **Project 159 – His Beloved**

Martha joined MGF in March of this year. She is the Operations Director at Calvary Chapel Bible College (CCBC) – Ensenada, Mexico, where she also graduated from. She makes sure that everything is in working order in all the facilities and vehicles. She also arranges for church groups on mission to come when CCBC students are on break, and oversees their help with projects on the campus while also providing them lodging on the campus.

**Vaibhav & Mukta Kapoor – New Missionary Project 161 – His Nearness**

Vaibhav & Mukta joined MGF in May of this year. God has used Vaibhav to plant multiple churches in India and South Africa, and a few of those churches have multiplied. After a call from God, their vision is to reveal Jesus and plant a multi-cultural church in Denver, Colorado, to see “people saved, healed, equipped, empowered and rendering service to our remarkable Saviour, Jesus Christ, by all possible means.”

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

1 Peter 3:8 ESV

**Jackie Yoder – New Missionary Project 162 – Dwell Forever**

Jackie joined MGF in July of this year. She has been in full-time ministry for well over a decade, and was a pastor's wife to her late husband. God has led her to begin a ministry to come alongside women who, like herself, are experiencing widowhood at a young age.

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity.

Psalms 133:1 ESV



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John 3:30 *He must increase, but I must decrease.* These words of John the Baptist express the heart—the attitude—of a true servant of God. Having just come through another MGF Annual Conference, in which many, many people provide a huge variety of help to us as a fellowship, I am convicted of the necessity of keeping this reality at the forefront of my thinking. MGF has grown a lot, and, frankly, it's not because of anything that I have done. MGF enjoys the sacrificial support of many of God's people in Turlock, CA and around the continent, even the world. That too, is not something that I have accomplished. These are facets of God's provision for the missionaries of MGF, and for me. I feel the weight of a lot of responsibility that I cannot actually bear. God's provision for MGF is a mercy to me. Even that great grace of His could be a snare to my wayward human heart if I start to think that MGF's success is because of me. If I start to think that my sacrifice, skill or sagacity is crucial to God's work in this mission, I will harm my own soul and lay a trap in front of all with whom I interact in this work. When I remember, and take time to notice, that His Spirit has motivated the sacrifices and service of others, and that His favor and provision have allowed us to continue to work together in this missionary fellowship, I am grateful, and my faith grows more steadfast. This is sweet to my soul, sweeter than the saccharine taste of self-congratulation, and truly nourishing to my soul. When my self-image decreases, my faith, hope and love increase geometrically, and my heart magnifies Jesus Christ in joyful worship.

Alexander J. (Jay) Hyatt III, General Director