

## 4.12.26 Heritage Updates

### Nursery & Jr Church Volunteers

Please help share in the privilege of serving our Heritage and visitor families. You can sign up using SignUp Genius or at the signup sheets at the nursery & Jr Church doors. (A background check is required for all new volunteers, at no cost to you.)

### Green Thumbs Wanted

It's that time of year to clean out our gardens and see what needs to be planted. Please look at the property map in the hall and sign up for the area you'd like to help maintain. See a deacon for more information.

### Mats of Love, 4.14

We meet each Tuesday from 10:30 - noon. All women are always welcome to help with cutting, tying, or crocheting grocery bags for sleeping mats. (Or you're welcome to bring in whatever project you're currently working on and just enjoy the time together).

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### Thank you!

*My deepest gratitude and thanks for the surprise party and gifts for my 50th birthday! I am humbled by the thoughtfulness and generosity of my church family. May each of you be blessed as you have deeply blessed me. Many thanks again!*

*~ Leah Sernas*

### Heritage Kids

Nursery is available for infants-PreK during worship (if staffing allows). Feel free to use it for however much of the service you desire.

Junior Church is available (if staffing allows) during the 2nd half of the service for students in Kindergarten through 4th grade. Children are dismissed during the songs before the sermon and return during the final song. The classroom is in the back of Fellowship Hall - straight out the back of the sanctuary.

Red Folder activity pages are also available at the table by the sanctuary door for anyone who wishes to use them.

## God's Kingdom Building:

Scott & Meghan Dillon,  
serving in Panama City, Panama



When we moved from Peru to Panama in 2022, we stepped directly into ministry without taking a true Home Ministry Assignment. In part, this was mostly because not all of us could travel to the States. Looking back, we can see how important those rhythms of renewal and rest really are. For example, I remember wishing I had time to visit other churches in the city to see how culture blended with liturgy and get to know the Panamanian spiritual landscape before stepping into the pulpit.

Normally missionaries take one year of rest for each four years on the field and we have not had a rest since 2019. **Because of this, MTW has given our family a leave of absence beginning this March (for about a year) to focus on rest, reflection, and spiritual renewal.** While this season looks different from a traditional HMA, since we are not planning to be mostly Stateside and won't be visiting with churches and supporters as much in the US, the goal is the same: to return to ministry healthier, wiser, and better prepared for the next season the Lord has for us.

One part of this renewal we are pursuing is participation in Alongside, a missionary care program in Michigan designed to help ministry families process seasons of life and service. Our hope is that this would serve not just Meghan and me, but all of our children, since missionary life shapes the whole family.

As most of you know, Jack and Angie cannot travel to the US because of visa issues. We have applied for tourist visas so our entire family can attend together. But because of previous visa denials, this may be challenging. **We would deeply appreciate prayer that the Lord would open the door if this is His provision for us. We have our appointment with the US Embassy in Panama on April 16.**

We trust that the Lord uses both busy seasons and quiet seasons to shape His servants, and we are grateful for this opportunity to pause, listen, and grow.