

# INCREDIBLE VIEWS

“...Wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike!..”

John 4:35-36 (NLT)

## A View Towards Eternity

After spending the last 20 years serving as missionaries



MacKays are now serving Stateside- Don as the Director of Mobilization for First Love International Ministries and Kristen is teaching 6th Grade at Tri-State Christian School.

in the Philippines, we are serving in a new location - Galena, Illinois, with incredible views - both temporal and eternal. When it was decided that we would be leaving the Philippines, we prayed that God would very clearly identify the destination He wanted us to begin moving toward. We knew that Don’s work would involve traveling and representing and recruiting, so we focused on where Kristen could continue her ministry through education. We knew she wanted to teach children about God and His world, so she sent resumes to many Christian schools within a day’s drive of Chicago. Tri-State in Galena, was the first to

express interest and excitement about Kristen coming to teach. The principal is a former missionary school educator from Mexico. After successful interviews, Kristen received a contract to teach 6th grade. We prayed that God would make it known within 48 hours if we should dismiss the invitation. Instead, we received two different unsolicited positive notes from a mentor, and a friend, reinforcing the decision to accept the position. Kristen desires to instill in her students a love for learning, and an excitement of growing academically and spiritually, as they see how the Bible applies to all areas of their lives.

Don was asked to accept the Director of Mobilization position for First Love. President and founder, Dr. Tom Clinton, states that this is “an area of growth that we feel is vital for both continuing our current outreach around the world and discovering new areas of service. I feel that Don is uniquely qualified to help us with this vision based on his record of service and ministry with missionaries and their families at Faith Academy and through Threads of Hope. Over the years we as a mission have utilized Don’s skills and giftedness on several occasions to come alongside missionaries and address personnel issues. Since it is necessary for all of our missionaries to raise their own personal financial support, I would ask you to continue to partner with the MacKays both in prayer and, if possible, financially as well, so that Don can take on this new position as First Love’s Director of Mobilization.” *(This is especially true as we just received the difficult news that about 20% of our income from our home church support will be ending, as our new position “is not in agreement with our mission grid” according to the mission committee)*

Don is already making connections with pastors and friends and creating a network to speak in churches and with individuals to raise up the next tier of missionaries. Please pray that he has safety in travel, and Divine connections as he speaks to individuals who have a desire for serving with First Love in overseas ministry. Pray for God’s emboldening of those who can go, and for the hearts of those who will hear the Good News of Jesus on the fields where our missionaries serve.

We are in need of financial gifts for projects and travel as well as ongoing monthly giving. If you are able to help us in our next phase of ministry, please send checks to:

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*“Introducing for  
the very first time,  
David and Josie MacKay”*



Adding to our life altering changes, we were thrilled to celebrate the wedding of our eldest son David, on July 18th. David met Josie in the Chorale at Moody Bible Institute. Her lovely family of nine are from Hinsdale, Illinois. David is now working full time for Moody Radio as Director of Digital Media Content Distribution.

We were thankful to live close by Austin this summer and extremely grateful for both the Hands family that hosted him, and Don's sister, Cathy, who hosted us while we were in transition. Austin is co-leading the group of internationals/MKs at Taylor this, his junior year. He helped lead both their leadership and welcome retreat.

Caleb served as counselor this summer at Warner Camp, in Michigan. and is playing soccer on the JV team for his freshman year at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Thanks for all your love and care and continued prayers and support as we step out into what the Lord has ahead!- Love, Don and Kristen