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David & Joyce Reed

LANGUAGES

English Spanish

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Discipleship, Theological Education

BIRTHDAYS

David 12/25 Joyce 4/29







ABOUT

DAVID and JOYCE serve as global coordinators for spiritual care, implementing the goals outlined in International Ministries' (IM) strategic plan by facilitating the care of personnel. Building on twenty years of ministry in Mexico and service as regional consultants in Iberoamerica and the

Caribbean, David and Joyce seek to cultivate a culture of health in which IM global personnel and home office staff can thrive and be effective in ministry. They offer spiritual guidance, support and presence, provide workshops and retreats on selfcare, soul care and community care practices, research and find resources to support spiritual growth and health, walk with colleagues through significant times of transition, transformation, grief and loss, and mentor global servants during their first years on the field.



MINISTRY STORY

As global coordinators for spiritual care, we come alongside global servants as they navigate the complexities of life and ministry in a cross-cultural context. Serving with IM since 1999, we have acquired the experience and expertise to hold our colleagues' stories with integrity and authenticity. We remind them that they're not alone.

Four pieces are core to our ministry of spiritual care:

Containment: Cultivating brave spaces; I am safe; my story is safe in this community.

Authenticity: The ability to show up and be real.

Rest: Practicing a healthy rhythm between rest and work so that all of us last for the long haul.

Embedded in Christ: Being conformed to the image of Christ for the sake of others.

One of our colleagues shared about the impact of receiving spiritual care while serving overseas:

"Many could look at the life of a global servant, especially after reading a ministry update or hearing them speak and think, 'they're spiritual giants going from victory to victory.' They'd never guess that we may be barely hanging on. Whether a global servant enjoys success or failure, acceptance or rejection in a cross-cultural mission context, sooner or later they will find themselves in a wilderness. Having



IM's annual conference for global servants.

David & Joyce come alongside us as spiritual caregivers has been an oasis in our desert. We don't need to explain life in a cross-cultural context, because they've experienced it themselves."

Walking beside our colleagues is a profoundly sacred space where we are honored to serve.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for discernment as we walk beside global servants in their cross-cultural contexts.

Pray for global servants to practice Sabbath rest so they remain grounded and renewed in Christ.

Pray for the resources to provide a spiritual retreat house for global servants.

SCRIPTURE

"My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ."

Colossians 2:2 (NIV)

