



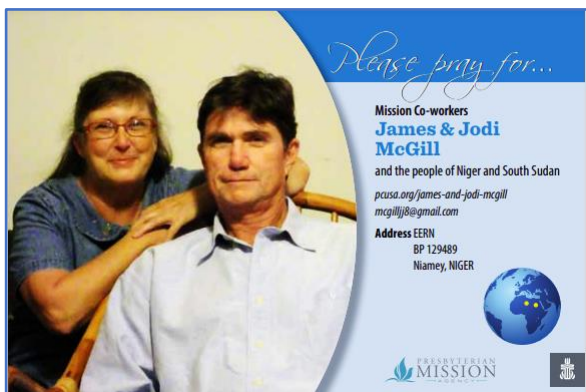
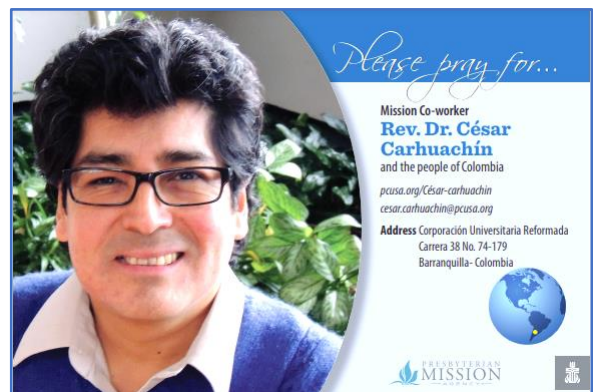
Mission Haven Update – February 2025

DISCERNMENT: *Challenging Transitions*

As many of you have learned, PCUSA has recently cut mission co-workers by 50%. Two families currently in residence received their notifications earlier this month.

The Carhuachíns who previously served in Colombia were eagerly awaiting a new assignment in Chile. They are now seeking a new direction, possibly transitioning to U.S. ministry. As they evaluate their future, César & Dania will continue to live at Mission Haven for the next year. They are grateful for continued housing assistance – one less stressor during an uncertain time.

Jim McGill, who has faithfully worked to provide [clean water](#) and sanitation in Malawi, South Sudan, and Niger will use his severance package to hopefully complete some of those projects before returning to the U.S.



Mission Haven is hosting Jodi, his wife, and four of their children while Jim continues his ministry abroad.

Previously, Jodi served as a nursing and public health educator with the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Niger to train and staff church run health clinics and to educate students in its new nursing school. Currently, Jodi uses her nursing skills at a local clinic in the Atlanta area. During her non-work hours, she serves as co-host at Mission Haven and is training Theo, our new Resident Manager, on his responsibilities.

The McGills will remain at Mission Haven through 2025 as they, too, evaluate their next calling.

PCUSA's recent actions have sparked concerns about global outreach and the future of the church's mission efforts, and will, of course, have an impact on Mission Haven. However, despite this reduction (or perhaps because of it), we anticipate an increased need for low-cost housing for our returning missionaries, and are also making housing available to other denominations and organizations who are involved in mission outreach to the world.

Our Mission Haven Board will need to re-assess our purpose. Are we called to serve only PCUSA mission co-workers, or does our commitment to international ministry extend beyond denominational boundaries? If we actively seek non-PCUSA missionaries, will we also request outside financial support? Please pray for our board as they wrestle with these – and other – questions.

Please pray for our mission co-workers who have been terminated and are faced with life-changing decisions.

Housing ~ Hospitality ~ Clothing ~ Prayer