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UNEEDA NEWTON, CALLED



Uneeda Newton is a woman who has dedicated her life to serving the Lord. She was introduced to Christianity at a very young age and invited the Lord into her heart when she turned 13. Born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma, one day Uneeda came across a small text box in a *Pentecostal Evangel* magazine at the Verdigris Assembly of God Church. The text box was asking

people to donate glasses because they could be used by people in less fortunate countries. She thought to herself, "I can do that. I'll get 100 pairs of glasses." She quickly achieved that goal and then increased it to 500, and soon after that, she knew that this was something God had called her to do.

Uneeda began collecting used glasses from Walmart, Lions Club, and opticians in the area. Several years ago, she surpassed collecting over 25,000 pairs of glasses and stopped counting. These glasses have been distributed to people in need in Bangladesh, South Africa, El Salvador, the Philippines, Ecuador, The Gambia, Zimbabwe, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, and more. Her efforts have helped thousands regain their vision and experience the love of Christ in tangible ways.

Thank you, Uneeda! We are so very grateful to you for answering God's call and making a positive impact in the world.



★ Children's eyeglasses needed

We're accepting new and gently used child and adult eyeglasses for our upcoming outreaches.

No multi-focal or progressives, please.

We're also accepting plain sunglasses (with UV protection) for outdoor workers to protect their eyes from the harsh sun.

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Springfield, MO 65802

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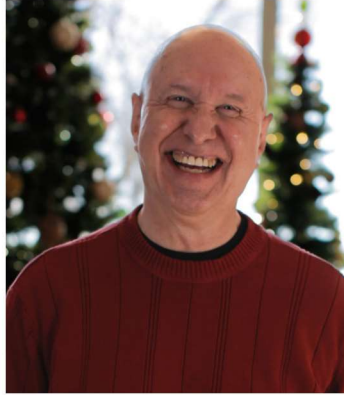
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WELCOME TO THE TEAM



Neil Ruda

Neil has been involved in ministry for 44 years, with 40 of those years dedicated to serving in world missions. He is passionate about exploring ways to use media and technology to support ministry and missions. After leaving Global University, Neil joined the International Ministries team where he helped with graphic design, created websites, podcasts, and webinars, and jumped in anywhere he was needed.

Neil is enthusiastic about the potential for media to promote health and well-being among missionaries and local people.

He is the proud father of two grown children: his son Derek and his daughter Kelly, who recently married Emmitt.



Dr. Brian and Stephanie Kidman

Brian and Stephanie Kidman are from Sioux Falls, South Dakota where they have lived for over 20 years. Brian is a medical doctor who has worked as a family practice and emergency medicine physician and has traveled extensively overseas using clinics to evangelize. Stephanie is a registered nurse who has worked as a missionary, educator, and community health nurse. Brian and

Stephanie love to teach on a variety of topics. They studied community development at YWAM Costa Rica (School of Sustainable Development) and took CHE TOT (Community Health Education Training of Trainers) courses with CompassionLink in years past.

Their oldest daughter, Anna, is studying professional writing and rhetoric at Baylor University. Their youngest daughter, Katie, is in the B.A.S.E. program. She currently works at the Dream Center in Springfield.



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