



# AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER EDEN'S SONG MINISTRY



**THE JOHNSTONE FAMILY**  
**Michael & Rebecca, Justin & Kailyn**  
<https://the-johnstone-family.epistle.org>



In Michael's words: "The (short) story of our call to ministry is not just a story about ministering in Europe, it is an example of God's grace, His faithfulness & His people sharing each other's' burdens. We were married in July of 2001. Our son Justin was born while Rebecca & I were still seniors in high school. Justin is now 21 & a junior at Grand Canyon University. Through a series of events we saw God open the door to serve in Vienna, Austria at the International School of Vienna which we did in July of 2010. The four years in Vienna were a time of great growth for us as a family. In fact, it is where Kailyn was born! Kailyn is now 9 years old & in 3rd grade. We found ourselves being able to develop strong relationships with students, sharing the gospel with kids from around the world and discipling young believers, establishing a concert promotion ministry & a baseball team. In mid-2013 International Christian School Vienna (ICSV) had a visit from the Ambassador from Kosovo stationed in Vienna. As head of student ministries I was brought in to a conversation about developing a group of students for a mission trip to Kosovo & in 2015 God moved us to Kosovo & in 2016 the Kosovo Baseball & Softball Federation was officially established to develop relationships with local ministry leaders. After that, our family needed some rest, counseling & rejuvenating so we returned to Cypress. In 2017 we joined GoSendMe Global & I continued to travel to Europe on a regular basis. In my role as Sports Missions Director, I have seen God continue to grow my understanding of how He uses all things for His glory. We lived 4 1/2 years in So Cal where God allowed us to really focus in on His call to Europe. I continued to travel to Europe regularly to run outreach & discipleship programs. I also gained understanding of the needs & workings of the local church by serving on the elder board at West Cypress Church. We moved back to Vienna in July of 2021 to work with a local church in order to develop a sports ministry strategy, while also finding ways to work alongside the other leaders of the church to strengthen discipleship & growth. My vision is to open a baseball training facility that will double as a ministry training and outreach center. I am also serving as the Development Advisor with the Kosovo Baseball and Softball Federation and as an Assistant Coach with the Vienna Metrostars. Rebecca is working as the Elementary Office Assistant at the International Christian School of Vienna ministering to families from over 60 nations."

## **PARTNERING OPPORTUNITIES – FROM YOU HOME OR JOIN A TEAM – EMAIL Deb @ edenssong@gmail.com**

### **VOLUNTEER**

#### **2023 DINNER/AUCTION FUNDRAISER! SAVE THE DATE 10/28/23**

We are planning our annual Dinner & Silent Auction for the last Saturday in October from 5-7pm at the Lewiston Community Center. Everyone is invited for a catered meal, desserts and bottled water for \$10 per meal or 10 pair of flip flops. We will also have Raffle gifts for \$1 per ticket and, as always, a plethora of auction items.

Our local businesses are always so generous. If you own a local or home business & would like to donate Gift Cards or Baskets please contact us at [edenssong@gmail.com](mailto:edenssong@gmail.com).

### **VOLUNTEER**

#### **IT'S SCHOOL SUPPLY SEASON**

ESM sends a years' worth of school supplies in each of our School Backpacks. We collect pens, pencils, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, erasers & pencil sharpeners!

WalMart &, \$ stores carry all of these items, however

you can also visit the Eden's Song [Amazon Wishlist](#) for more options.

We are thankful for every item donated as we use thousands of each per year!



### **VOLUNTEER**

#### **COLLECT HYGIENE SUPPLIES**



#### **THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN MANY LIVES!!**

Travel size products such as shampoo, soap or body wash, toothpaste, deodorant & lotion as well as nail clippers, toothbrushes & hand-wipes fill our hygiene bags for the backpacks as well as the Midwife Kits. You can help us by contacting friends, especially those who travel, to collect these items or visit the Eden's Song [Amazon Wish list](#) to order online. Contact us to pick them up!

## LAPTOPS & KINDLE TABLETS

"Eden's song has helped us with Kindles (and other resources) for Filipino & African missionaries over the years. We are so grateful & blessed by their lavish love & care poured out on our personal family & those we serve! 5 stars all day!!!!"

"I've partnered with Eden's Song for around 15 years. The grace, love & excellence with which they fill their niche in meeting special needs of ministries around the world is astounding. One of their laptops has been in active use in the West Bank serving students; one becoming a physical therapist" Mary C

"ESM has been a huge blessing to my mission. They provided 4 laptops for the Iris Global administrative staff in Zimbabwe. The laptops are useful for communication as well as writing newsletters; one was for our first sponsor college student! Thank you so much for assisting us." Matt

Through Ebola, war, malaria, typhoid, scary visa issues and many thefts Eden Song has helped me as a missionary in Mozambique and eastern DR Congo with music and preaching to listen to on iPods and books to read on Kindles. This has made a tremendous difference in my life." Don

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP:

Your donations allow Eden's Song to continue providing, through our amazing missionaries, for thousands of people in over 70 countries around the world, each year. So how can YOU become an ESM Partner?

### PARTNER THROUGH ONE-TIME DONATION OR MONTHLY GIVING

Every contribution goes toward the purchasing of items for our kits or electronics as well as shipping. None is used toward administration, salaries or travel costs unless specified by you.

OR send a donation by [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com) @[www.edenssong.org](http://www.edenssong.org)

OR send a check to Eden's Song Ministry @  
1226 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Lewiston ID 83501

### PARTNER THROUGH PRODUCT DONATIONS

Use our [Amazon Wish list](#) to purchase requested items

### PARTNER THROUGH PRAYER

Your prayers are vital. Please never stop!

## YOU'RE CHANGING LIVES THROUGH YOUR GIVING

### FEMININE HYGIENE PACKS ~ PHILIPPINES

"I was part of a girl's leadership camp where one of my teaching topics was "taking charge of your body". I requested a few of the feminine hygiene packs that Eden's Song offers. The girls almost all wanted to have one so we had a drawing to pick names! The girls that "won" were overjoyed, and wanted to be sure that I thanked those who had made & sent their packs. After that we ordered enough for every girl We, in the Western world, have no concept what it costs us for "sanitary supplies" so this project is a very desired commodity. We have had the very best experience with Eden's Song! Whenever a team comes bringing a package from them, it feels like Christmas! We have been blessed with electronics to replace those that have worn out here in Kenya while the personal notes they include are so encouraging! Grace S



### MID-WIFE KITS~KENYA/RUSSIA

"I am a registered nurse in the US & was amazed to discover how Eden's Song touches missionaries. One particular example is lay midwife kits. This ministry gathers basic equipment needed for the delivery of a baby & adds baby layettes & mama gift bags. Then volunteers assemble the kits. The completed kits are then shipped through missionaries to Africa for the local missionaries to provide pregnant women near their delivery time. Such a blessing! Not just for the Moms, but also for the missionaries who are able to help the Moms in this very personal way." Nancy V

### SCHOOL BACKPACKS

"Eden's Song Ministry has been such a blessing to me as a missionary to an Orphanage in Ghana. They always go beyond my expectations whenever they provide me with supplies for the children (notebooks, writing utensils, bibles, etc) and to the widows (sewing kits, tote bags etc) to take with me. The Love that this ministry provides for people in need in this world speaks volumes, I cannot do what I do without Eden Song helping me. Rick B"



"I have three orphanages in the Philippines and operate on approximately 240 children a year with cleft lip or palate. For years Eden has given a gift pack to every one of these children. It is such a help for the children waiting for their operation as they are always afraid. Even the mothers cuddle the soft toys as a comfort when the kids are in theatre. They also encourage me personally with so much love. They are so very kind." Pauline C. S.