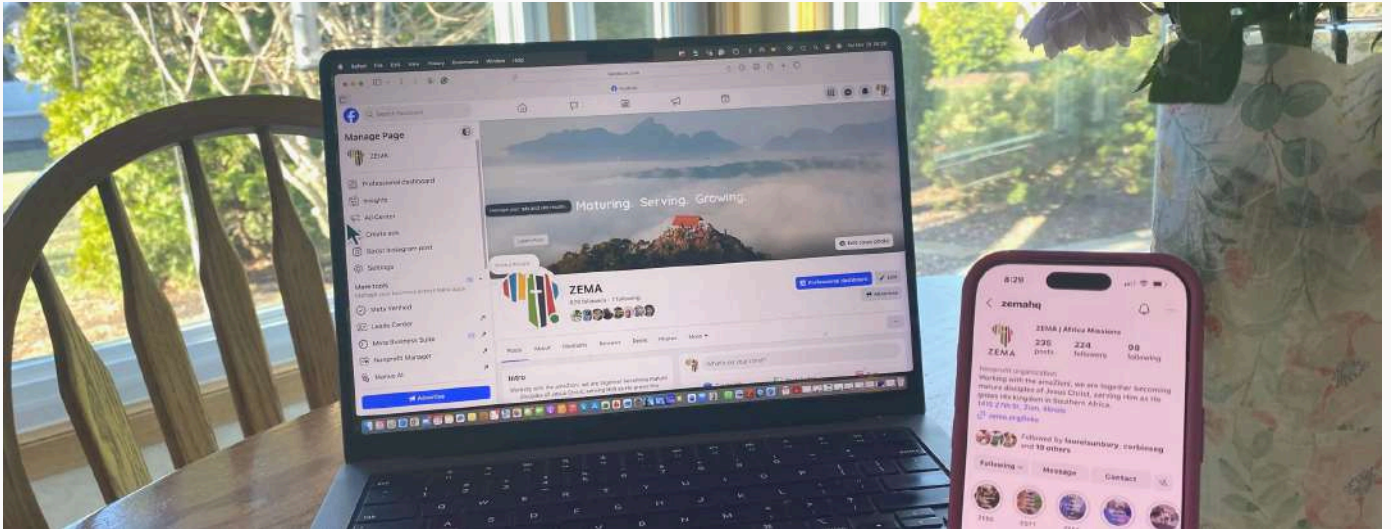


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Home Office Director's Report

GREG & CARLENE SEGHERS

Currently we are transitioning our role as Home Office Directors to Kevin and Tine Pinter, who plan to take on full responsibility in April 2027. It is a privilege that we've been able to continue teaching and mentoring students at Moody Bible Institute. We are excited about the students we get to introduce you to today who have internships in South Africa this summer.

Recently, recognizing the vital role of platform, we're working to improve our communication through ZEMA's media platforms. One prayer is that God provide a missionary whose specialty and primary responsibility is communication, follow the work of ZEMA's missionaries, and better tell the story of God building His Kingdom among the amaZioni in Southern Africa.

In the meantime, we're thankful for a communications-minded ZEMA donor who sponsored a team from MBI's Media Lab. This team helped us set up structures to begin implementing posts using the templates and developing our platform resources.

If you are not yet following ZEMA on Facebook and/or Instagram, please look us up! Follow us! And share! You too can help us tell the story of God's work in Southern Africa!

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Meet Ian & Emilia McFarlane

FROM IAN & EMILIA MCFARLANE

We met at the Moody Bible Institute during our Freshman year and were recently married in January of 2026! We will both complete our degrees in May of 2027. Ian is a Biblical Studies major, and Mia is an Intercultural Studies major. The primary factor that drew us together was our passion for sharing the love of Jesus with the nations. Now that we are married, we're even more eager and excited to do the Lord's will wherever He takes us.

We discovered ZEMA early in 2025 at Moody's Missions Week. At the time, we were also searching for internship opportunities to fulfill our degree requirements at Moody during the summer of 2026. The opportunities with ZEMA spoke directly to each of our hearts. Looking further into the organization, we grew close to Greg and Carlene Seghers, who continued to pour wisdom, love, and support into our lives.

We will be leaving for South Africa at the end of May and will be working in Pietermaritzburg alongside Stephen and Jessica Langley. We trust that during our time there, we'll sharpen our passions in teaching and discipleship as we serve the Lord by teaching in the Zion Bible Schools, ministering to the local church body, and participating in the lives of amaZioni and their communities in South Africa. We are excited for this opportunity and eager to see the Lord work in a part of the world that is not only in great need of the Gospel but also so hungry for it!



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Meet Micah Janku

FROM MICAH JANKU

I'm studying in the TESOL program at Moody Bible Institute, currently finishing up my freshman year. I developed my interest in overseas ministry when, in 2024, during a short-term trip to Latvia, the Lord accelerated my language learning. Within three months, I was able to preach and share my testimony in Latvian. After witnessing to two young men in Latvia, they came to Christ, and this experience confirmed God's call in my life. I am convinced the Lord has gifted me to evangelize beyond my mother tongue and to teach English as a part of my ministry.

Right now, I am preparing to serve cross-culturally by sharing the Good News in the heart language of those I meet. I believe God's mission is relational and global—building bridges across cultures and languages so that people can clearly hear about Jesus.

My aim is simple: lift up Jesus, trusting the Gospel to meet people's deepest needs. I have taken to heart my grandfather's words, which have become a family maxim: "A life lived for Jesus is not wasted."

For my internship this summer, I will be spending six weeks living in the Eastern Cape of South Africa and traveling with Luaan Goosen. I will also be teaching English in the communities of local Zion ministers and amaZioni churches, using that tool to share the Gospel. While in the USA, I have begun studying an isiXhosa language book because I'm eager to learn the local language and, in that way, more effectively minister to those God brings into my path while I am in South Africa.



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Meet Josie Praytor

FROM JOSIE PRAYTOR

I am currently a senior at Moody Bible Institute and plan to graduate with a degree in Communications in December 2026. I hope to use my theological studies and writing skills to encourage Christ's church and proclaim His beauty and glory wherever the Lord sends me. I am eager to see where the Lord will lead after graduation, when my fiancé and I plan to marry and, side by side, we continue to seek the Lord's guidance and direction for serving in His Kingdom.

I discovered ZEMA through Moody while researching internship opportunities to fulfill my graduation requirements. ZEMA's passion for God's Word and heart for bringing that Word to the local community drew me to this ministry. For the past several years, God has placed Africa on my heart, and I am grateful for this opportunity to serve with ZEMA in Southern Africa.

I will spend four weeks in Johannesburg, hosted by the Seelhammers. Serving alongside them, I will meet with local believers to hear their testimonies of God's work in their lives through His Word, so I can write these stories for publication on ZEMA's website and for sharing with ZEMA partners around the globe.

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Meet ZEMA Board Member Kathy McIlhany

Growing up in a Christian home, Kathy accepted Christ at the age of six, and in her teens declared Christ as Lord of her life and was baptized. Kathy married Keith over 43 years ago, is the mother of seven, and "Grammy" to 13 children! Keith and Kathy helped start Northbridge Church of Antioch, IL, 25 years ago. At church, Kathy serves on the Connections Team, and she and Keith facilitate a Home Community group together.

In 1982, Kathy received her BS in Business Information Systems from the University of Wisconsin – Parkside in Kenosha, WI. She received her master's in education in Learning Design and Technology from Purdue University in 2015 and worked as a technology coach in the public school system for 9 years, retiring in 2024.

Kathy considers each day an opportunity to live a missional life and impact her sphere of influence for Jesus.

In 2015, Kathy joined the ZEMA Board. She served as ZEMA's Board chairman from 2021 to 2023. The McIlhany's have been instrumental in representing ZEMA at Northbridge, which has consistently supported ZEMA missionaries' work and ministries since 2011. The McIlhany's have led multiple mission trips to South Africa, and will participate in another short-term team from Northbridge this August.



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The 2025 ZEMA Annual Report is available on our website at

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