

## **A CALL TO MISSION FOR ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

**Ed Kelaher, Rector**

We are truly a family of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Our hearts are to make the sacrifices and witnessing efforts necessary to bring others to His saving love, grace, forgiveness, life, peace, and joy. Every so often we are overwhelmed and inspired specially when we see one of our own take a sacrificial deep dive for the Gospel. Or, in this case, TWO of our own!

Richard and Catherine Ranger are powerful believers and disciples of Jesus who have lifted our parish to higher faith and service by their leadership, devotion, and untiring labors. Richard's term as Senior Warden underscored the urgent requirement of foundational prayer for all we do – that we are to be a “praying church” and not simply a church that prays. Catherine has dedicated herself to a multitude of ministries, most vitally perhaps Global Mission, which provides our focus here.

By the inspiration, direction, and power of the Holy Spirit, Richard and Catherine have offered the next several years of their lives to the Lord as His missionaries to God's people in Uganda. Likely beginning in June, they will live near and serve at the Ugandan Christian University, a long-time beloved and treasured mission partner of All Saints. The specific focus of their calling will be their witness to our Lord and the fulfillment of Gospel hope through legal and development ministries, employing the rich spiritual gifts given to them by the Holy Spirit. Daily work will find them in direct relationship with the law students and faculty at the University.

The Rangers' missionary calling will be fulfilled under the auspices of The Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders, SAMS. You can learn more [HERE](#).

There is a role for all of us in this. True mission involves those who are sent and those who do the sending and provide prayers and sacrificial support. As a parish family, this is a deeply important venture in faith for us all. Such missionary work is not salaried, underwritten, or covered by institutions. God's people provide what is needed, investing in the Gospel joyfully and with enthusiasm. The Rangers have given up their home and are disposing much of what they own (*Including their World Champion Nationals tickets!*) We need to help as we can.

Patty and I have made our own pledge of monthly financial support to Richard and Catherine – over and above our pledge to our parish. Others have stepped forward to help as well, yet significantly more is needed. I'm asking if you might pray deeply and ask the Lord if you are to be a part of this holy Gospel work. For families, it might be especially formative and enriching to have the children be a part. Richard and Catherine have offered to meet with anyone who wishes to hear more about the inspiring vision ahead. Please invite them into your home to talk, or for a cup of

coffee together somewhere. Or, the link above will provide a quicker and more direct way to help.

The Lord has inspired my heart by what this amazing couple is sacrificing. My prayer is that you might be moved in your faithful heart as well. God bless Richard and Catherine Ranger as they serve in the mission field to the glory of Jesus.

In faith and hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'Ed' followed by a plus sign '+'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.