



Taking it to the next level while staying true to our core values.

When Pastor Steve and Connie Troxel, along with their courageous board, began Shepherds' Support International (SSI) in 2006, they didn't have a "grand plan" in mind. They simply set their hearts upon Jesus first and responded with kindness, straight-forward teaching and a generous spirit to the great need they saw amongst pastoral couples throughout the world.

Steve and Connie Troxel
Fellowship Bible Church, Japan 2006





In 2016, as the Troxels prepared to retire, their mandate to Rick, Diana, and the new board was to help lead SSI “to the next level.” While it is encouraging to see the many ways we have grown over the past seven years, it is even more satisfying to reflect upon how God has helped us stay true to those core principles of Steve and Connie: hearts set upon Jesus; kindness; straight-forward Biblical teaching; and a generous spirit.

A look back at 2023

This past year, as Shepherds’ Support has pursued God’s leading, we have grown our international teaching team, developed regional strategies, and expanded our support base allowing us to serve in new areas. The Lord has blessed us with opportunities to live out our core values with pastoral couples in **Peru, Colombia, Chile, Armenia, Zambia, Kosovo, Honduras** and **Ukraine**.



Peru, February 2023



Colombia, April 2023



Armenia, May 2023



Zambia, July 2023



Kosovo, August 2023





Honduras, September 2023

Throughout the year, our support and teaching team members have pursued the Lord, loved others well, taught with excellence and given generously to support and strengthen the marriages and ministries of hundreds of pastoral couples.

Thank you!

A look ahead at 2024

We remain committed to living by faith and seeking the Lord's leading as we work to multiply and grow the ministry to encourage, equip and engage our ministry partners.

Please join us in praying for our **2024 trainings** in:

- March - **Republic of Georgia**,
- Eastern European Leaders Strategic Planning
 - April - **Bolivia**, Pastoral Couples
 - April - **Colombia**, Pastoral Couples
- May - **Central Asia**, Pastoral Couples
- June - **Ukraine**, Family Conference
 - August - **Peru**, Pastoral Couples
- September - **Macedonia**, Pastoral Couples
 - October - **Croatia**, SSI Leadership





Thank you for your faithful prayers and offerings!

You have sent a clear message to our partners that they are not alone. We have a living hope in Jesus, He is with us and the struggles that we face have a divine and eternal purpose. Together God has allowed us to remain true to what Steve and Connie began and follow Jesus as He faithfully leads.



2023 Year-end Update

All of us at Shepherds' Support want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

Rick and Diana Lowe

And the Shepherds' Support Board: David and Beth Butler, Jack and Nancy Shirley, Sid and Zane Williams, and Daniel and Kate Wurzburg