

Speaker Bios

Lisa Sellen lives in Sidney NY with her husband Adam and their two children Anna and Nathan. They have been the lead pastor at Gateway Alliance Church (formally Circle Drive Alliance) for the last nine years.

Before moving to New York, they pastored in Wisconsin and Delaware. Lisa spent four years in the early 2000s with the Alliance teaching IWKs in Mongolia and is now a preschool teacher in Sidney.



Gloria Chapman was born and raised in Kailua, Hawaii, on the island of Oahu. She was introduced to Jesus Christ in her late 20's when her then-boyfriend, Mark Chapman, shared the gospel with her and took her to his church. Several months later, Mark and Gloria married, and life looked like it was going "happily ever after."

Nothing could have prepared Gloria for what happened a year and a half later. Mark flew to New York and shot and killed John Lennon, the former Beatle. Gloria found friendship and help through her pastors and friends of Kailua Community Church (C&MA). She has served in leadership roles, including two terms as Hawaii Area director. In the meantime, thousands of miles away, God healed Mark mentally and spiritually.

In 2005, God gave them a ministry called All About Jesus Ministries which Gloria manages. AAJM distributes free evangelistic pamphlets to prison ministries, chaplains, and others all across the US and in Africa.

Laura Hopkins, and her husband, Walter, have recently been appointed as international workers with The Christian and Missionary Alliance and will be serving in Spain. Walter will serve as the new director of LIFE International School in Tres Cantos, Spain, and Laura will be involved in teacher training as well as in other areas of the school as needs arise.



Laura grew up in Brazil, the daughter of Paul & Beverly Clark, C&MA missionaries to São Paulo, Brazil. She also attended Houghton College and graduated in 2004 with a BS in Childhood Education and she has her Ph.D. in education from Michigan State University. Since then, her work has focused on teaching and mentoring developing teachers at the undergraduate and graduate levels at Houghton College. In addition to teaching, she is actively involved in research and writing, and she is currently co-authoring a book on some of her research.