## WHITE



Jeanine & Walt White

### LANGUAGES

English Bengali

## MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Health and Wellness, Training and Capacity Building

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Jeanine 6/24 Walt 8/31

## LOCATION Global





## **ABOUT**

Jeanine and Walt serve as International Ministries global consultants, training teams working with historically underserved religious groups including pastors, missionaries, development workers, and partners; teaching them to be more effective communicators of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Jeanine works with women and children, helping them to overcome social and cultural obstacles. She teaches skills for dealing constructively with the challenges and opportunities of cross-cultural life.

Walt teaches workers to identify clashes between worldviews so that they can make disciples of Jesus Christ in ways that are both faithful to Scripture and culturally appropriate.

Jeanine and Walt seek to increase the longevity of cross-cultural workers and to strengthen their effectiveness so that they may transform lives in a holistic way.

# MINISTRY STORY

We were rejoicing in our 49th wedding anniversary when Jeanine thought, "How different would the world be if we had not got married?" Of course, our daughters would not be on this planet, nor would our ten grandchildren. But what else would be different?

We were in Bangladesh for the 25th anniversary of Symbiosis, an organization we were involved in founding. A group of women was standing and laughing together. We learned that one had been critically impaired during childbirth, and we "called in the troops" to pray. That mother and child are alive today. One could surmise that the group would not have been there if we had not responded to God's call by getting married and going to Bangladesh 43 years ago.

Another woman came to faith because she lived across the street from us and learned about Jesus in our daily lives.

Walt was in Burundi when the electricity went off. He and a colleague were conducting a seminar to equip our partner Baptists for reaching a special group of their neighbors. As they waited in the darkness, they dreamed of holding an annual seminar to keep our colleagues on an intentional journey of digging deeper into their host language and culture and applying those learnings. One of the wonderful fruits of that dream is that, today, several of the women have been invited into the secret initiation ceremonies of girls of their local tribe, where they can teach the Word of God!



Walt and a colleague research culture, history, and opportunities.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Pray that we will model lives passionately committed to Jesus in our teaching, words, and actions in a way that we can pass on to others: effective discipling.

Pray for discernment regarding where and with whom to invest ourselves in deeply.

Pray that those with whom we serve will in turn bear great fruit.

Pray for health and safety.

### **SCRIPTURE**

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

John 1:5 (NRSV)

