

## Pursuit

A few years ago, I reconnected with an old pastor friend I hadn't seen in a long time. At first, our conversation was filled with catching up—talking about life, ministry, and family. But as we kept talking, I realized something: though we had been friends for years, we had slowly drifted apart. Not because of any conflict, but simply because we hadn't made the effort to stay connected.

That experience made me think about my relationship with God. It's easy to say we love Him, but are we truly pursuing Him? Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:33, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." The pursuit of God isn't something we're supposed to add to our lives when it's convenient—it should be our first and highest priority!

For Paul, knowing Christ was worth more than anything else. He wrote in Philippians 3:8, "Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." That wasn't just a theological statement—it was the practical reality that shaped his life. Paul's relationship with God wasn't passive, it was marked by intentionality.

So how about us? Do we treat our relationship with God as something to maintain when we have time or as the greatest treasure we have? We pursue God primarily through the ordinary means of grace—hearing His Word preached, praying with His people, and receiving the Lord's Supper in gathered worship. But this pursuit doesn't stop when we leave church. It continues as we seek Him daily in Scripture, prayer, and obedience. He has already pursued us in Christ—now, by His grace, let's pursue Him!

~Pastor Len Flack, EWA Board Member



WE  OUR  
volunteers

EWA volunteers are an integral part of our ministry. From early morning helpers, prayer partners, board members, tutors, office helpers, and so much more, we say THANK YOU! We praise God for your faithful service.



# Through the Eyes of ...

There are many individuals the Lord raises up to support EWA. We hope that sharing diverse perspectives from our volunteers will offer a meaningful glimpse into how the Lord works and provides through the hearts and hands of many.

The following reflection is written by **Mrs. Elly Pearlman**, a devoted volunteer, supporter, and prayer partner of EWA.

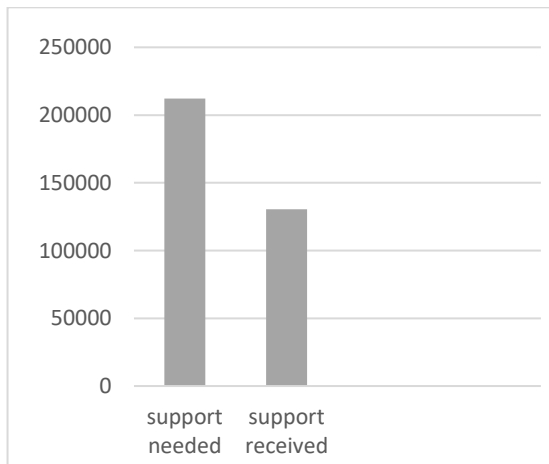


"My journey with EWA began even before its inception. I was invited by some of its planners to pray for guidance, wisdom, and patience as they sought the Lord's will. That feels like a lifetime ago—and perhaps it was! Through every challenge the school faced, we were steadfast in prayer, and the Lord responded with abundant blessings. Children came and went, locations changed, and new teachers and volunteers joined the mission. Yet through it all, our gracious and unchanging God remained faithful. We continue to find comfort in knowing He will always provide.

Over the years, I've been privileged to serve as a prayer partner for several female students—a role that has brought me immense joy. Since EWA joined with Faith Heritage, my time during school hours has been limited, but I've cherished the opportunity to work one-on-one with a student in the mornings. Watching my prayer partner excel in volleyball has also been a delight! Our connection has deepened through prayer, thoughtful notes, and outings beyond the classroom, keeping us close in heart and spirit.

Being part of EWA has been a tremendous blessing in my life. With the Lord's guidance, I hope to continue this journey for many years to come."

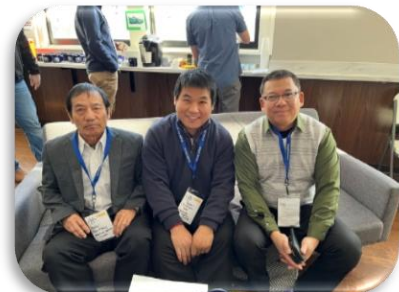
## EWA '24 - '25 Finances at a Glance



- ❖ Support needed from July 1, 2024 -June 30, 2025: \$212,250
- ❖ Support received as of end of February 2025: \$130,562
- ❖ Amount from EWA parents for the 24'-25' FY: \$31,250.00
- ❖ Amount EWA pays in tuition to FHS each month (for 10 months): \$19,536.20.

## Pastor APPRECIATION DAY

On February 5th, FHS joyfully hosted Pastor's Day—a special occasion dedicated to honoring and celebrating the pastors within our school community. Pictured below are a few of the pastors who are affiliated with our EWA students, reflecting the deep connections and shared faith that enrich our school.



## What Will Set You Apart?

Our students are rewarded for work or behavior that sets them apart from their peers. We talk about how this will help prepare them for the work the Lord has for them. (Ephesians 2:10)

These students set themselves apart by doing extra math lessons and providing thorough and thoughtful responses to an activity over February break.

*Single pictures left to right: Rory, Sarah, Jonathan, and Rebecca*



## CAREER CONVERSATIONS and LIFE SKILLS

EWA remains committed to empowering students by introducing them to diverse career opportunities and essential life skills. Recently, we welcomed Jon and Sarah, the training fund director and coordinator from the local IUOE 158, who shared insights into the promising paths available in skilled trades. (pictured right)

Dr. Irene Werner also joined us to share her experiences as an ER doctor. She inspired students by discussing the critical life skills of interviewing and resilience. (pictured left)



# In Memory of Rose Biegler

## 1930-2025

In addition to a generous check sent to EWA, the following is an excerpt of a letter that was enclosed in the envelope. This contains many precious memories from 67 years ago, when a special friendship was formed between Cynthia and Anna!!!

**"A DEDICATION FOR MRS. ROSE BIEGLER!** I am one of the only few people outside of the immediate family who knew her when she was younger. You see, she was a second mother to me. I have known Anna (nee Biegler) since we were five years old. We would walk to one another's house every day and check out what each house was planning for dinner and decide where we would eat!

Mrs. B. would be in the kitchen making German food to die for. She was always smiling and always ready to comfort you if a bad day appeared on the horizon. The happiest I remember seeing her was when she was given charge over a homeless infant. She radiated love for this precious child. About 2 years ago, Anna brought her down to see me. She told me a story about comforting me when I had run to their house crying because I had broken one of my mother's favorite figurines. I don't remember it, but in her retelling it - I knew she had comforted me and dried my tears!

Her passing makes me so sad, but I know she is in Heaven, smiling her great smile for our precious Lord and Savior. In this I have great comfort. I loved her! This donation is made in her precious memory. **Cynthia Maser"**

**David and Amy Harris** sent in a gift in memory of Rose. The Harrises are prayer partners for years for several of our students, and Amy has served on the EWA Board. They are very committed to helping families in Syracuse be able to send their children to a Christian school, who would not be able to afford it without EWA's assistance.

A donation from **Ziggy and Judy Borsz** in memory of Rose is appreciated. They have been faithful supporters of EWA for many years and an encouragement to this ministry. David and Ziggy worked together for many years and continue a blessed friendship!

**Jim and Emily Ramsdell** sent in a donation to remember Rose, who attended their church. Emily commented on how much she enjoyed visiting Rose after the service, hearing about her love for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, in particular, who brought her many joyful moments of laughter and fun.

**Mike, Barb, and Sarah Mullin** have known Rose for many years and want to remember her with a generous gift to EWA. They have enjoyed hearing her tell stories of her childhood years and praise the Lord that she is now home in Heaven with her Savior, the Lord Jesus.

**Barry and Lisa Dutter** knew Rose from their days of teaching for EWA and getting together for several informal gatherings! Rose knitted many woolen socks which Lisa and her young students took to the Veterans' Hospital to distribute in gift bags. This was a way that EWA could be a blessing and an encouragement to our local Veterans

**Allyson Martin** donated to EWA on behalf of Trinity Anglican Seminary, in memory of Rose Biegler, mother of co-worker Erika Moore. This is an encouragement to Rose's family as they both rejoice in her homegoing to the Lord Jesus yet grieve her absence.

**Bob and Linda Grindrod** have made a generous donation in Rose's memory to EWA. They went to the same service at church for a number of years and know several members of Rose's family. This is not only a blessing to the family, but to the students who are being helped by EWA scholarships and supports.

**Anita Rennels**, a college friend of Anna, sent in a monetary gift to express her sympathy in Rose's passing, while rejoicing in knowing that the Lord called her Home. She wrote this note to the family, "This donation to EWA in memory of (your mother, mother-in-law/grandmother), is to be used in any way that you feel would best serve the students at EWA and also serve as a testament to her life".

**David and Anna Shipe** donated in memory of Rose. They shared that "Knowing she is with the Lord Jesus is a comfort, but there is still the sorrow of missing her. We have had times of grieving mixed with laughter, as we reminisce on her life. She was chosen by the Lord before the foundation of the world and is now in His presence for eternity. For this we thank and praise Him!"

We appreciate receiving a donation from **Mary Anne Lane, our EWA Consultant**, as a means of remembering Rose. Mary Anne knows how important every individual is in making this ministry what God wants it to be! Rose was one of those people!

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Thank you to **ALL** who support this ministry with **prayer, time, and donations**. We praise Him for **YOU** and are thankful for being able to partner together to do His work.

*Stephanie Dow –  
EWA Administrator*

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