

Phil and Debbie Smith

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Debbie's Birthday: March 1

Missionaries Phil and Debbie Smith serve in the Greater New Orleans area with a unique focus on evangelism and outreach to children, their parents, and their teachers. They partner with local churches and Child Evangelism Fellowship to train children's ministry and Good News Clubs leaders.

Debbie says, "Children are the most receptive mission field in the world when properly taught. Statistics indicate that approximately 78% of decisions for Christ are made by the age of 12. Many parents and church members don't believe children can understand the gospel and come to a saving knowledge of Christ. They don't think spiritual development is important in young children. This is why we find it important to take the gospel into the community where children live, learn, and play."

The Smith's work impacts adults too.

"An awesome bonus in our work is seeing God use us to mentor volunteers who go on to serve as missionaries in North America and the world. One Peruvian lady stands out. She worked with children on a cruise ship that would dock in New Orleans periodically. She mentioned her desire to serve in children's ministry after her retirement. Over time, when she was in port, we met with her and trained her in children's ministry. She now serves in Lima, Peru, with another Christian children's organization. We still meet across Zoom® and have created bilingual children's videos together."

The Smiths ask for your prayers. Pray for their continued good health so they may be able to help others catch the vision. Pray also that children and their parents will come to the saving knowledge of Christ and grow in their relationship with Him. Pray that parents will realize the need to raise their children in the love and admonition of Christ in a local church.



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