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Steve became a believer at ten years of age and grew up in Maine attending church. He strayed from the Lord in his teen years and married Lisa, an unbeliever. Lisa grew up in a Catholic home in Maine and attended mass faithfully so knew about Jesus and the Bible but did not have a personal relationship with God. Lisa had a Christian friend and was always interested in Christianity. One day after marrying Steve, his grandmother asked Lisa to drive her to church. Lisa started attending church and eventually became a believer. She shared all that she was learning with Steve and invited the pastor to come to their home. Steve was very upset at this, but as he visited with the pastor, God showed him that his sins were not too big for God to overcome. In 1993, Steve returned to his faith in God and he and Lisa's lives were changed forever. Steve was formerly a ship fitter at Bath Iron Works and Lisa was a dental assistant and stay-at-home mom. They were active in their local church and never considered being missionaries. In 2001, God unfolded a series of events in their lives that led them to go to Mongolia in 2002 with a compassionate ministry, Food for the Hungry. They worked in outreach programs with poor and needy families in the areas of agriculture, medicine, food, family development and job training. These programs created opportunities to share the gospel but they began to feel a pull toward a more active role to support church growth and teaching. As of 2006, they are in transition to join with the Evangelical Free Church in Mongolia. Steve and Lisa will be doing more intensive language training and will be open to opportunities to build relationships with Mongolians while they sharpen their language skills. Steve would eventually like to be involved in developing a pastoral studies or lay person Bible studies program. Please pray as their family settles back into life in Mongolia and renews old friendships while creating new ones. Pray that the church in Mongolia will grow in depth of their understanding of God. Because Mongolia has only been an open country since 1990, most Mongolian pastors have been a believer for 5-7 years and have only the New Testament to study from. The church is plagued by syncretism where new beliefs are added to and mixed with previous beliefs. The church also struggles with dependency issues because of the country's history of being dependent on Russia and their former socialist system. Pray that the EFCA-IM team will have wisdom and discernment as they interact with local churches. Pray for their two adult sons as they begin their own families.

First Evangelical Free Church of Maine has supported the Fishers since 2006.

Birthdays: Steve: Oct 17
Lisa: Jan 21
Grace: Sep 15, 2002

Anniversary: Aug 24, 1985

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