

*Hi there*

# OH NOW YOU HAVE DONE IT...



You are part of a group of people committed to knowing about and praying for our ministry in Birkenhead. We cannot thank you enough for partnering with us in this way. It is a huge support knowing people read about and care for our family as we follow our call to serve in Birkenhead England.

A quick summary for those new here:

We are Zach & Audrey Langford, missionaries with Global Strategy (GS) and Church of God Ministries (Anderson, IN). We are serving as Missionary Pastors at Egan Road Church of God in Birkenhead, England and work alongside the Europe Middle East Team of missionaries called Three Worlds. If you want to learn about the dynamic ways we are utilized regionally (a unique team structure for our region) be sure to check out the 3W website (Audrey built it!)

Zach began his call to ministry at 6th Avenue Church of God in Alabama, where he started serving on the worship team, with a halfway house ministry and short term missions. In 2007, he came for a short trip to England and in 2008 did a short summer internship working with youth and the established church in Birkenhead. Egan Road Church of God started way back in 1917 and has been at its current location since 1931!

Birkenhead is an urban poor community on the Wirral Peninsula (NW England) just across the River Mersey from Liverpool. The neighborhood (Bidston and St. James Ward) where the church is located houses nearly 15,700 and this area falls in the 20% most deprived areas of England. Egan Road Church is one of 4 active churches in the neighborhood.



In 2010, Zach and Audrey married and moved 17 days later, following their call and serving as volunteers at Egan Road for two years. During this time, Zach served as an associate pastor and Audrey and Zach helped support the ongoing Youth and Kids ministry – the only christian outreach in the neighborhood. Zach & Audrey joined Global Strategy and Three Worlds in 2012 and fund-raised to return in 2014 in a sustainable way.

In 2017, the church hit a crossroads as the longterm pastor retired. The church, which was aging and small, unanimously voted to take a risk and shift its lifecycle to be outward focused. They asked for Zach and Audrey to serve as Missionary Pastors serving as a bridge as the church transitions a generation gap. They began expanding the church's ministry to young adults through relational outreach, table evangelism and discipleship. A parent and toddler group was launched in 2017 as well as a Sensory Session for kids with autism, neurodivergence and other sensory needs. They are continuing with experimenting with creative new ministries to reach the people who live in the community asking what does Church look like in a postchristendom community.

Thank you for coming along side us, supporting the ministry and learning and listening to our community with us! Covid and the UK restrictions created a hard stop for ministries here in Birkenhead Virtual services only stopped in February 2022 and the relaunching of the many weekly ministries and connecting points at the church has restarted. It sometimes feels like a reset again. The vision of Egan Road and the Langfords is to make people "Known, Loved and a part of Community"

Zach and Audrey have been married 13 years, living in England for 9 of those. They have two adventurous children, Lola Mae (age 6) and Leo "Rockstar" Randolph (age 2).

Again, thank you for learning about us, our mission and the church we serve. We could not do this without faithful partners like you. If you would like to support us financially, we are looking for new regular partners. More details can be found at [www.chogglobal.org/zalangford](http://www.chogglobal.org/zalangford) and to give online you can click the give now button through that website.

Much love,

*Zach & Audrey*

