

Why We Serve

Profiles of CLI Volunteers

by Frank Sambrick

Lindy and Bert Kelling were new Christians the first time they met with CLI founder Kathleen Skaar and her husband, Anders. It was the summer of 2002.

“Kathleen and Anders came to our home to share their vision for CLI,” Lindy recalled. “But there was another visitor with us on that night – my twin sister, Suzanne, who was not a Christian.” Lindy asked Kathleen to “go easy on the Christian stuff”



because she didn't know how her sister would respond to all the changes that she was seeing in her twin's life.

Unbeknownst to Lindy and Bert, Kathleen had shared a gospel pamphlet with Suzanne later that evening. The following night, she asked Lindy and Bert to bear witness as she invited Jesus to be her Lord and Savior. “For me personally,” Lindy said, “this was the greatest reward for becoming a part of the CLI team. I knew after this that the call of God to use CLI for His glory was a necessity and I wanted to be a part of it!”

Lindy and Bert saw CLI's passion for sharing the gospel and knew they wanted to join their mission. Lindy currently volunteers to minister to a female prisoner who just completed the CLI Bible study. She and husband Bert are also CLI Financial Partners. “We encourage others to join us in support of this vital ministry,” she said. “You cannot fully understand the personal fulfillment in serving with CLI until you experience it for yourself.”