

Meet
Lee Ann and Phil Oswald



The Oswalds started attending River Life last fall. Getting a chance to join the folks leading River Life as it leans into the future and keeps building out its unique vision is exciting when it's also your spiritual home!

They come to us with an amazingly rich backstory. Before returning to the States, Phil was the Pastor of Delhi International Christian Fellowship in New Delhi, India. They weren't really missionaries to India, but rather more to the whole world. The church was composed of people from over 30 faith traditions and 40 ethnic groups. From ambassadors and leaders of NGO's to leaders of global companies, Indian nationals, and penniless refugees looking for their next home. It was a wild, formidable, and hilarious ride!

Before India, they served at a church in Seattle for five years. And before that planted and led a great church in our own backyard of Elk Grove for almost twenty years (Sun Grove Community Church). They feel like they're back home!

Lee Ann and Phil have two sons. Ted, his wife Katharine and baby James, are also part of River Life! Ted is an attorney for World Relief and Katharine begins as an adjunct professor at William Jessup University this fall. Their older son, P.J., and his wife Erica (along with their three children) also live in Sacramento. Erica is a teacher at Encina High School and P.J. works at Western Seminary and is a commercial photographer.

In the other parts of their lives, besides Phil's serving as an adjunct professor at William Jessup University for two courses each semester, they lead a remarkable outreach ministry that is a little like Young Life for adults called CityVillages. Last, they build on their love of history and archaeology by leading adventure trips to the Middle East and Greece & Turkey and their passion for leadership development with ongoing projects in India.