

## Profile in Mission: Tamera and Edward Schreur

### Ministry

Counseling and pastoral ministry

### Location

Muscat, Oman

### Partner

Protestant Church of Oman



### **What need is God showing us?**

The Great Commission tells us to go to the ends of the earth and make disciples of all nations. One Christian living in Muscat recently said, "The ends of the earth are right here in Oman." People from over sixty countries make up the Protestant Church in Oman (PCO). God has shown us the need to pastor, disciple, and train these members. Oman is a Muslim country. The Christians who attend the PCO provide a positive and sensitive witness to Christ's love in this country where so few (less than 1 percent) are Christians. Without them, there would be no gospel witness in this land.

### **What is God telling us to do?**

"We are committed to continue the vital ministry in Oman begun by the RCA over one hundred years ago," said Edward Schreur. "In this critical time between Christians and Muslims, east and west, we will live out the call of Christ to bring hope, peace, and love."

### **How are we doing what God is asking?**

Edward will serve as copastor. He will lead worship and provide pastoral care, administration, and guidance to members of the PCO, which number about a thousand. Tamera will use her gifts and experience as a counselor and educator to develop a compassion ministry under the umbrella of the church.

### **Who is our Partner?**

Our partner, the Protestant Church of Oman, ministers to over a thousand members under the combined leadership of the RCA and the Anglican Church. Five PCO congregations meet in Muscat and over fifteen home groups meet weekly in outlying locations. Because the PCO ministers to foreign workers, it is a multicultural, multinational, and multid denominational church. The dedication of the RCA to provide consistent and stable leadership helps this church retain its vital witness and strong theological base.



### **Up Close and Personal**

Edward and Tamera have experience in urban ministry in New York, as well as rural ministry in South Dakota. Both have never known a time in life when they did not know the love of God. Edward has a doctorate in ministry, and Tamera has a master's degree in marriage and family therapy. They have participated in many mission trips and are eager to dedicate this next phase of their lives to full-time mission work overseas. The couple has two young adult children, Christopher and Rebekah.