



January 5, 2025

## Global Ministries' Mission Co-Workers Visit

Global Missions Night  
with  
*Nishan and Maria  
Bakalian*  
Jan. 21st @ 6:30 pm



We are pleased to announce that Global Ministries has two mission co-workers, Nishan and Maria Bakalian, who have been serving in Lebanon and will be joining us the evening of January 21st at 6:30pm.

Here is a little more information about Nishan and Maria Bakalian:

[https://www.globalministries.org/missionary\\_visits/](https://www.globalministries.org/missionary_visits/)

<https://www.globalministries.org/people/maria-bakalian/>

<https://www.globalministries.org/people/nishan-bakalian/>

Register at: <https://missionnight.eventbrite.com>

## Green Tips on Recycling Your Live Christmas Trees Shared by the PSEC Environmental Justice Mission Team

Every year at Christmas, up to 30 million live trees are sold in the US. While the debate continues with those asserting that artificial trees are the “greener” option compared to a cut tree used once, there are nuances to consider!

Most live Christmas trees are grown on farms, harvested, and a new tree is subsequently replanted. Live trees are actually more sustainable because they are biodegradable, and tree farms provide much the same benefit as neighborhood trees and forests such as cleaner air, removal of carbon, preventing soil erosion, and more.

With a little extra care, consumers of live Christmas trees can increase these benefits! Take some time this year to practice some responsible and environmentally conscious recycling modes, and advocate for some if your community doesn't participate!

**Firewood:** use those trunks, and branches, for OUTDOOR fires. Dry out the wood for several months.

**Mulch:** Some communities will chip down your tree, either for community use or for your own gardens. Check out your local department of public works.

**Wildlife:** Keep the tree in your yard and hang bird feeders – and watch your tree evolve into a bird sanctuary!

**Fish Feeder:** a tree left in a pond becomes a reserve for fish! Over time, algae grows, providing food for fish and protects them from predators. Check with local officials to see if you can donate and drop your tree in a nearby lake or pond.

**Erosion barriers:** If you live along the Schuylkill, communities may take your tree to stabilize river banks. Trees and their needles help retain the banks and vegetation and provide cover for birds in the winter.

**Compost:** Pine needles can be added to compost piles