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Her name is Amy Williams and she serves in the Republic of North Macedonia. That's a small country with about two million people, located north of Greece. It was part of Yugoslavia before it broke up.

Amy teaches English as a way to meet people and share the gospel. That's how she met a woman we'll call Gerta.

Now, Gerta had a hard life. She had been abused and had major health problems. But Amy told her how Jesus loves her and had a plan for her life. Through Bible studies Amy led, Gerta came to understand the gospel and placed her faith in Christ. Later, Gerta helped lead her father to Christ. When Gerta was ill in a hospital, she told others what wonderful changes Jesus had brought to her life.

This wonderful outcome was possible because our church supports our International Mission Board and our missionary, Amy Williams, through our Cooperative Program giving.

Let's ask God to let Amy change many more lives in Macedonia as she tells people about Jesus. And let's ask Him that Gerta can grow in her Christian faith.



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Akeem & Jaime Smith

Oakland, California

Let's focus our prayers on the West Coast of our country today.

We are going to pray for two of our North American missionaries planting a new church in Oakland, California.

They are Akeem and Jaime Smith. Our church is supporting them — because our church supports these two missionaries and thousands of others through the Cooperative Program.

Oakland is across the bay from San Francisco. It's an area with people from many lands.

Our missionaries moved to Oakland in 2018. They started meeting people and sharing the gospel.

The first person they baptized said he was an atheist — until he understood Jesus and the plan of salvation available to him! Now he is a Christian.

Many of the people Akeem and Jaime work with are immigrants. The church often provides food to people struggling to get by in the city.

Let's pray for Akeem and Jaime as they serve the Lord out there on the West Coast. Let's pray they will grow a strong church which will bring many to faith in Christ.



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Carlton and Cornelia Walker have served in Japan more than 40 years. They are still praying that revival will come to Japan—a revival that would see millions come to Christ.

For most Japanese people, though, cultural tradition and commitment are strong factors. To become a Christian, they think, would dishonor their ancestors and make them less Japanese. In more recent years, the Walkers have been encouraged by an increased openness to the gospel by some Japanese they meet. They hope the Olympics, now set for 2021 in Tokyo, might be a great push for the gospel.

Let's be thankful today that our International Mission Board sends missionaries to the hard places that will become tomorrow's harvest fields. Our church supports the board and we support our missionaries, the Walkers, through our Cooperative Program giving.

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SEMINARY
HIGHLIGHT



Steve & Amy Morgan

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

As we pray today, let's think about getting prepared. Go to a medical doctor and you know that doctor studied very hard to become a physician. Call someone to fix your furnace, and you hope that repair person was trained and knows what to do. How about someone who is going to minister for Christ? Well, most of us know that a school for pastors and missionaries is a seminary. We Baptists support six outstanding seminaries. They have a total of more than 18,000 students.

Steve and Amy Morgan wanted to prepare for a lifetime of ministry so they went to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. That's one of our six schools. He got a master's degree and she got a PhD. in counseling.

Steve and Amy were appointed Southern Baptist missionaries and were sent to Italy. They got there just before the COVID-19 pandemic struck in 2020, killing thousands. Steve and Amy are safe, but they have been on hold for months.

Today let's thank God for New Orleans as it trains hundreds of future ministers and missionaries every year.

Let's pray for Steve and Amy — and ask God that they can put their training to good use for Christ!



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Winfield and Lori Scott

Central Asia

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Mostly our missionaries focus on planting churches and sharing the gospel. But an important part of missionary service is to make sure the pastors and other leaders of local churches are strong in faith.

The Scotts saw that many people across Central Asia have marriage problems. Unfortunately that includes many in the churches. So the Scotts led a marriage retreat for national pastors and their wives. It was the first time for such a retreat. Winfield and Lori taught that people must be strong in Christ as individuals before they can improve life with their spouses.

Sometimes men met separately from the women. When the women were alone, Lori saw that the older women counseled the younger ones.

Let's pray for Winfield and Lori as they lead in Central Asia. Let's ask the Lord to keep their own marriage solid as they help others.

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Chicago, Illinois

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Sean is from New Mexico, Lydia from Arkansas. They have years of church planting experience. They are planting a new church called Elmwood Park Community Church. It's in Greater Chicago, though technically they are in the village of Oak Park, northwest of central Chicago.

They were able to launch their new work in the building of a church which had closed, as most other churches in Oak Park have sadly done. Sean and Lydia are especially qualified to serve here, since many of the local residents are of Polish or Central European background. Sean and Lydia served eight years in Poland as Southern Baptist missionaries, so they speak Polish.

But about half their new members are Hispanic, so Sean is studying Spanish.

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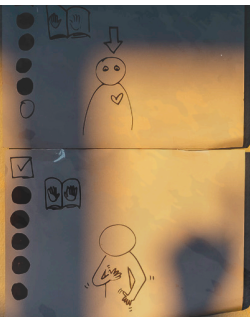
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M
MISSIONARY
HIGHLIGHT

Victor and Madeline Hawthorne

Chiang Mai, Thailand

Today in our prayer time, we will pray for two of our missionaries we'll call Victor and Madeline. They serve in Chiang Mai, Thailand. But they are there to reach the many Deaf people in that large city. Our church's Cooperative Program giving helps them serve there.

Victor and Madeline have planted a new church for Deaf people. But they also teach Deaf people to plant new Deaf churches.

When we see translating for the Deaf into sign language, we may assume all sign language is the same. No, there are many types of sign language around the world.

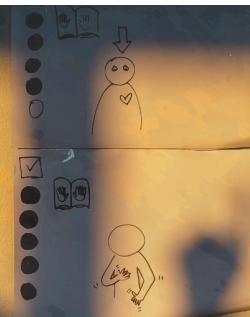
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But the church used a slow word-for-word system that was hard for the two to follow. They saw that the Hawthornes use Thai Sign Language to translate the Bible exactly — and they understood. Sombai and Alisara became part of the new church. Then the Hawthornes trained them to go plant a new church for the Deaf.

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Baltimore, Maryland

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Andy and his team are working hard to build a growing congregation as they reach out to the community. Andy and his wife, Rhonda, have three children.

Baltimore has more than half a million residents — but that number is lower now than it used to be. Many people have left the city because of its problems. Andy and other church leaders are especially focused on bringing people of many backgrounds together under the cross of Christ.

Our North American Mission Board has sent many church planters to Baltimore because the needs are so great.

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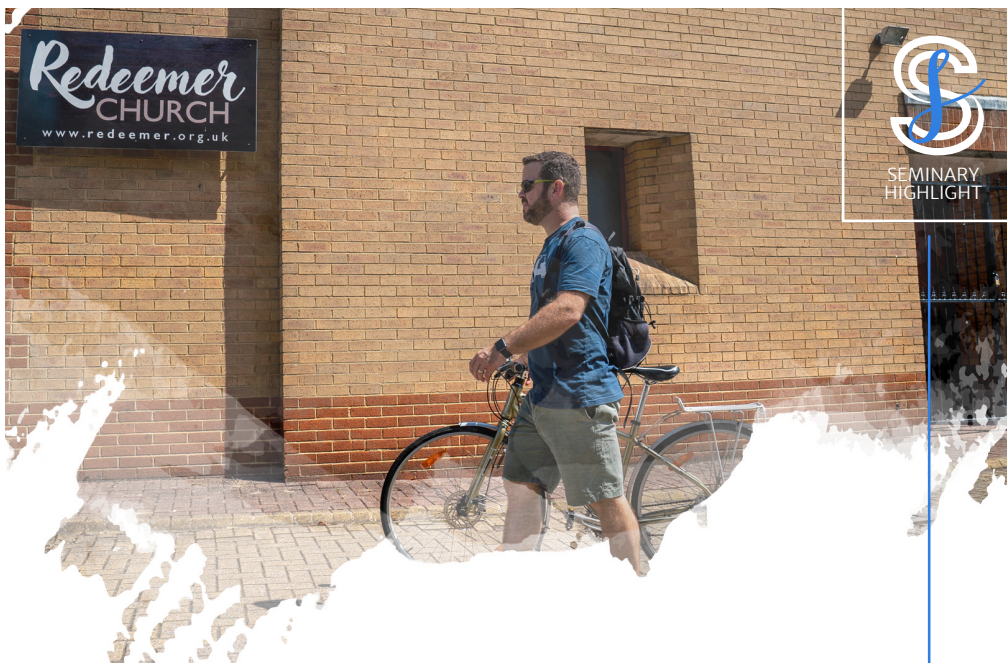
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Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

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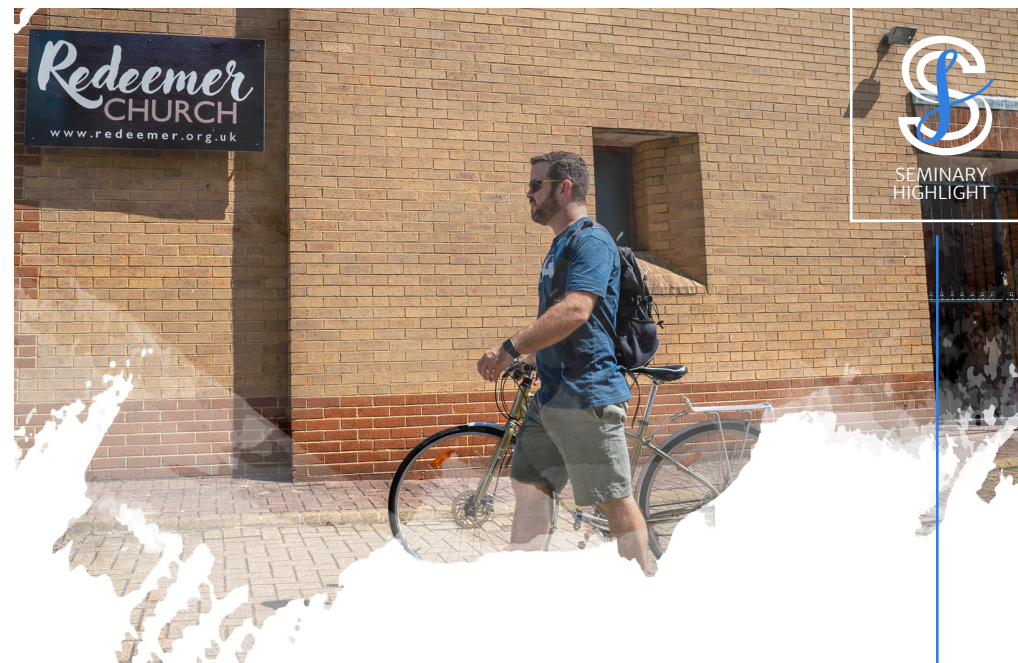
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Our church supports Ross in this hard assignment through our Cooperative Program giving. But our church also helped prepare him for it. Our church supports Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas — also through the Cooperative Program.

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Chase and Laura Feindel

Vista, California

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Vista is a beautiful area near the Pacific, but few people follow Christ. Out of more than three million people who live in and around San Diego, only about 10 percent say they are evangelical Christians. Literally hundreds of new churches are needed.

Chase and Laura have set up home groups and they try many things to make their new church known in the community. During the pandemic of 2020, they kept meeting when they could do so safely, but moved to outside gatherings at a ranch-type conference center.

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James & Jen Cho

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Let's go to western Canada today so we can pray for two of our Southern Baptist missionaries. They are James and Jen Cho. Our church supports them through our Cooperative Program giving.

James and Jen are serving in Calgary, which is a striking city of skyscrapers standing above the plains. The Rocky Mountains march across the horizon. It's a modern city of more than a million people — Canada's third largest. Yet culturally many people here people hang on to the idea of cowboys and western culture. The Calgary Stampede, the world's biggest rodeo, is held here. But, like most of Canada, few here follow Christ. Calgary is a mission field. James and Jen are in northwestern Calgary, where they have planted The Vine Church.

Both James and Jen are Korean background, so they understand what it's like to move to a new nation as so many have done in Canada.

Our missionaries have been able to share the gospel with many immigrants and bring them into the church. Growth prospects for The Vine Church look good.

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Denver, Colorado

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Chris and Libby are two of those missionaries we support through our Cooperative Program giving. Their new church is called Journey Point Church and it's six miles northeast of downtown Denver in the Stapleton area.

This is one of the biggest new housing developments in the country — 75,000 new homes are being built. Most of those houses will be young families with an average of two children each. So we can see their new church is urgently needed.

Chris and Libby are from Tennessee; they have four children. Chris worked in medical sales until the Lord called him into full-time service. They have developed their own app to keep in touch with members.

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Matthew & Ana Silvestre

Salinas, California

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People told them don't move to east Salinas — it's too rough there. They meant that's where gangs and drugs and crime are to be found. But Matthew felt called to that part of town. This is where they live and where they are raising their three daughters.

He and Ana first felt God leading them to plant a new church back in 2014. Now that new church is a living thing. Venture Church Salinas, as they call it, is now reaching a number of Spanish-speaking people, but many others as well. Matthew and Ana are Hispanic in background, but Matthew grew up in Aptos, a town about 30 miles north of Salinas.

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Dave & Mary Elliff

Seattle, Washington

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That's why our North American Mission Board has sent a number of home missionaries to Seattle — to plant new churches that will introduce the gospel. Dave and Mary Elliff and their four children moved from Arkansas to Seattle in 2015 and they have planted a new church called Roots Community Church. They've been meeting in a community center in northeast Seattle.

Dave agrees that Seattle is a hard place to plant a new church. But it's where new churches are desperately needed — and that's where God has called them to serve.

Our church is supporting Dave and Mary through our Cooperative Program giving. We also support our North American Mission Board as its leaders coordinate planting new churches across North America.

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Daniel & Tara Rice

Japan

Most of us watch at least some of the Olympics, wherever the games are held in the world. Today, let's make the Olympics part of our prayer time.

Remember that the Olympics were to have been held in Tokyo, Japan, in 2020. But they were rescheduled to summer, 2021. Daniel and Tara Rice are two of our Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan. Their whole ministry has been to ensure that the thousands of people who come to the games will also hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our church supports Daniel and Tara through our Cooperative Program giving. Japanese churches will host parties in which local residents can come and watch the games. Some churches will have festivals. All these events will include sharing the gospel.

Just outside one Olympic venue, the Rices and Japanese Christians will set up an outreach hub to share the gospel. There will be a full court press, so to speak, of following up with all who show an interest in the gospel.

Let's pray that, as the world comes to see the greatest athletes compete, they will also hear the world's absolutely greatest story about how Jesus was sent to bring salvation.



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Remember that the Olympics were to have been held in Tokyo, Japan, in 2020. But they were rescheduled to summer, 2021. Daniel and Tara Rice are two of our Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan. Their whole ministry has been to ensure that the thousands of people who come to the games will also hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our church supports Daniel and Tara through our Cooperative Program giving. Japanese churches will host parties in which local residents can come and watch the games. Some churches will have festivals. All these events will include sharing the gospel.

Just outside one Olympic venue, the Rices and Japanese Christians will set up an outreach hub to share the gospel. There will be a full court press, so to speak, of following up with all who show an interest in the gospel.

Let's pray that, as the world comes to see the greatest athletes compete, they will also hear the world's absolutely greatest story about how Jesus was sent to bring salvation.



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Edwin and Melinda Pacheco

Brooklyn, New York

Some missionaries get sent to exotic places far from home. But God tells others to stay where they are. We're praying today for Edwin and Melinda Pacheco, two of our North American missionaries who serve in Brooklyn, New York. Our church supports them through the Cooperative Program.

Both of them were born and grew up in Brooklyn. That's where they're raising their two daughters. And it's not just Brooklyn — it's the Red Hook neighborhood down by the East River — just across the river from the Statue of Liberty.

Most tourists won't venture into Red Hook, where drugs, poverty and other big city problems sit on about every street corner. This is where Edwin and Melinda have planted Redemption Church. The building is on Hicks Street at West 9th.

The church tackled poverty by setting up a powerful food ministry. They've gone all out to help the neighborhood.

But Redemption lives up to its name, because redemption is what spiritually hungry people want to feast on, even if they don't know what that is.

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Ben & Christy Prater

Poland

Today we want to pray for two of our missionaries who serve in Poland. We'll call them Ben and Christy Prater. Their work is sensitive, so we won't use their real names. But our church is supporting them through our Cooperative Program giving.

It's sensitive because their ministry is sharing the gospel with Jewish people who still live in Poland, 75 years after the Holocaust. Their number has been growing in recent years. Ben and Christy want to see Jews accept Jesus as the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament.

Jews who accept Jesus as their Savior are often called Messianic Jews. There are many Messianic Jews around the world, including in the United States and even Israel.

Sadly, there are few Messianic Jews in Poland these days. Ben says it's estimated that 250,000 Messianic Jews were killed in the Holocaust. Two of Christy's great-uncles were killed in Auschwitz, the infamous Holocaust death camp near Kraków, Poland.

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Ebbie Davis

California

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Ebbie first went to San Diego through our North American Mission Board. The board has a program called NextGen. It sends Christian college students to missions sites in North America. The students help plant new churches and work alongside home missionaries. Now Ebbie is working with eight NextGen students in the San Diego area, helping plant a new church where hundreds of new churches are needed.

Our church supports our North American Mission Board and the NextGen program just as we are supporting our missionary Ebbie Davis — all through our Cooperative Program giving.

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Bethany Forrester

South Asia

Today we will pray for one of our missionaries in South Asia. We will call her Bethany, but that's not her real name. I think you'll agree her ministry is a huge challenge and she needs prayer support!

Asian languages are known to be hard to learn. But Bethany is a missionary to Deaf people. She has had to learn the special sign language used by South Asia's millions of Deaf people. Bethany meets with Deaf people every week and tells Bible stories. Deaf people love stories and the Bible is filled with great ones. Many of the Deaf accept that the Bible is true.

But deciding to follow Jesus is a hard choice for people here. They fear they may be cut off from their families or jobs. They fear they may not be able to marry.

Let's pray for our missionary we're calling Bethany. Let's ask God to keep her safe in a dangerous part of the world. Let's ask God to give her wisdom as she shares the gospel with people who fear earthly consequences more than they fear eternal ones.

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May 9, 2021
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Johnny & Donna Maust

Ecuador

Today in our prayer time we want to pray for two of our missionaries who serve way south of the border. Johnny and Donna Maust serve in Ecuador, which sits on the upper left side of South America. Our church supports them down there through our Cooperative Program giving.

Now, Johnny is a fine missionary, but today we're going to focus on Donna. The story started when Donna wanted to get to know people in the town where they moved. She entered a cooking contest. And her light-but-rich strawberry cheese pie won second place! The pie was so good a government leader asked her to teach cooking classes in his house. That led to Bible studies. Those went so well that a church was planted.

Next Donna learned to make soap and started classes teaching women how to make it. Twelve women started a company to make the soap and sell it to hotels and stores. See? Even cheese pie and soap can help us share the gospel and plant a new church if we follow Donna's example.

Let's ask God's blessings on Johnny and Donna! And let's stand by to see what Donna does next!



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George & Joy Ross

New Orleans, Louisiana

In our prayer time today, let's focus on New Orleans. As you can imagine, we will not talk about Mardi Gras or jazz or the things that draw tourists. New Orleans is a mission field. Most of the city's 400,000 or so people are lost and without Christ. Only about 12 percent of the people are evangelical Christians.

Our North American Mission Board has sent more than two dozen church planters to New Orleans to plant new churches that will reach many for Christ and disciple them in the Christian faith.

Let's pray today for George and Joy Ross, our North American missionaries who serve in New Orleans. They are the cheerleaders, coaches and official encouragers of those church planters. George planted a church that multiplied, so he is experienced. He teaches many topics, from church planting to family life. He and Joy have six kids, so family is important to them.

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J.D. & Andreina Fasolino

Toronto, Canada

Today in our prayer time we are going way up north, all the way to Canada, so we can pray for two of our North American missionaries our church supports through the Cooperative Program. They are J.D. and Andreina Fasolino.

J.D. and Andreina are originally from Venezuela. That's where J.D. got his seminary training — but he also has a degree in economics. Andreina is a computer systems engineer.

They are planting a new church for Hispanics in the Toronto area. More specifically, they are in Ajax, up the Lake Michigan shore line from the city center. The church is called Emmanuel Baptist Church East.

Nearly six and a half million people live in the Toronto area — and more than two million of those were born outside Canada. Many Hispanics live here. J.D. has met Spanish speakers from many nations within a few blocks of the church.

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Cole Ethridge

Africa

Our missionaries face dangers most of us never encounter — and cannot imagine. Today we are going to pray for one of our missionaries who has served 32 years in Africa. We'll call him Cole.

Let's run through some of what Cole has faced in those 32 years. He has ministered during a war, and during a genocide in which many people were murdered. Twice people tried to overthrow the government in the nation where he served. He has seen political insurrection and terrorist attacks. More than once he stood up to armed bandits. He ministered to Christians who faced religious persecution. Once he himself lived on the street so he could serve others there. He was evacuated during a rebel attack. He battled and survived cancer. He survived an epidemic of meningitis. In 2020 he ministered in unique ways during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, Cole prayed in the early days for God to send him anywhere but Africa. But that's where he has served for 32 years — and he is still there. God has been faithful.

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JC & Sylvia Nava

Phoenix, Arizona

Let's pull on our boots and head to Phoenix, Arizona, for our prayer time. That's where JC and Sylvia Nava are planting a new church called My City Church Phoenix. Our church is helping plant that new church — because our Cooperative Program dollars are helping support JC and Sylvia.

We probably think of Phoenix as a city in the desert that's mostly retired people. Well, the desert part is true. But the average age for people in Phoenix is 32 — which is younger than the national average. Sadly, Phoenix also knows less about the Bible than almost any other U.S. city. Evangelical churches are few.

That's why the ministry of JC and Sylvia is important. Many Hispanics live in the Phoenix area. JC and Sylvia came to Phoenix from Mexico, so speak Spanish. But they want to reach all kinds of people, wherever they are from.

JC and Sylvia partner with the Valley Rim Baptist Association of churches in Phoenix, and also with our North American Mission Board.

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Casey Hough

The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission

As we join for prayer today, we know that our American culture is divided. Our country is being torn apart by arguments and outright conflict. Things change as fast as the 24-hour news updates. Questions about right or wrong are very complicated — but of course we who follow Christ have to think and reflect deeply as we seek to follow the Lord's will. We need to understand current issues as well as the Bible's teachings.

Today we are going to pray for a man named Casey Hough, because his work helps Baptists understand the ethical issues we face these days. Casey is a Baptist pastor in Houston, Texas. But he also serves with the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission. Baptists established this commission years ago to help Baptists deal effectively with complex issues. Casey does research that helps the commission have the information and background it needs to arrive at Bible-based responses to questions we face.

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Europe

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Dan and Ella serve in Europe. But they minister to people from Central Asia. Our church supports them through our Cooperative Program giving.

One day Dan caught a bus home from the market. A man from Afghanistan was on the same bus. Dan spoke to him in Dari, one of the main Afghan languages. At first the man was nervous, but soon calmed down to listen.

Dan told the man God loves him and had sent Jesus to provide for his salvation.

"I will pray for you in the name of Jesus," Dan told him. Now the man did not make a decision for Christ. Dan may never see him again.

But using every opportunity to tell others about Jesus — that's what a missionary does. Every believer should do the same!

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Jeremy and Sarah Proemsey

San Mateo, California

Let's focus our prayers towards the West Coast and pray for Jeremy and Sarah Proemsey.

They are planting a new church in San Mateo, California, which is about 20 miles south of San Francisco. It's just north of San José — many tech companies are based throughout this area.

Jeremy and Sarah call their new church Refuge Community Church. Members have been doing outreach in the city and also provide help to needy people. The church says they are not just IN the city, but they're a church FOR the city.

Only about 10 percent of the people in the San Francisco area have connections to an evangelical church. But a whopping third of the people have no religious connection at all — many say they are atheists.

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Daniel and Kristen Lowry

Kenya

Today in our prayer time, let's go to Africa.

We want to pray for two of our missionaries who serve in Kenya, which is on Africa's east coast.

Daniel and Kristen Lowry have lived near Nairobi, Kenya's largest city, with their two young children since 2018.

Daniel is a professor at Kenya Baptist Theological College and Seminary. Since 85.5 percent of Kenyans call themselves Christians, that might seem an easy job.

But students come to the school with many false notions and misunderstandings about Jesus. Daniel teaches class after class what the Bible really teaches so students will depart to serve who are saturated with biblical truth.

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Joey and Vicki Hay

Starke, Florida

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But today we want to focus on the opposite: What happens when churches die?

Every year hundreds of Southern Baptist churches close up and die. Often the congregation gets older and stops being evangelistic. Attendance drops. Contributions dwindle. The doors close for good.

But these days many churches are being brought back from death or near death. Our North American Mission Board has a whole program of restarting churches that are expiring.

Starke, Florida, is a town inland from St. Augustine. That's where Cornerstone Baptist Church had died. Was it truly dead. Yes — the building sat empty and unused for two years.

Then local Baptists tried a replant. They called Joey Hay to come restart the church. People began attending the newly reborn church. A year later attendance was averaging 60 each Sunday. A dead church was thriving.

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Think about it: Our Lord knows a lot about coming back to life! Bringing a dead church back to life is not difficult for Him!



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MISSIONARY
HIGHLIGHT

Edward and Terri Janklow

Southeast Asia

If we asked, I'm guessing we would find most of us don't like to wait on stuff. We don't like waiting on people. We don't like waiting on anything. Today, we are going to pray for one of our missionary couples who had to wait on the Lord to act.

We'll call them Edward and Terri, but those are not their real names. They serve in Southeast Asia, where missionaries are not welcome. Our church supports them through our Cooperative Program giving.

Years ago Edward and Terri moved to a village to work with an unreached people group there. The group had not even one believer. They rejected the gospel. But Edward and Terri kept patiently sharing Jesus. Their home church in America prayed for them. Finally, after much time had passed, one person accepted Christ as Savior.

Then our missionaries asked for prayer that a church could be planted.

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July 25, 2021

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MISSIONARY
HIGHLIGHT

Edward and Terri Janklow

Southeast Asia

If we asked, I'm guessing we would find most of us don't like to wait on stuff. We don't like waiting on people. We don't like waiting on anything. Today, we are going to pray for one of our missionary couples who had to wait on the Lord to act.

We'll call them Edward and Terri, but those are not their real names. They serve in Southeast Asia, where missionaries are not welcome. Our church supports them through our Cooperative Program giving.

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Brazil

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Our missionary who serves there is named Haylee Belcher.

She's a journeyman, which is a two year program for people under the age of 30 who have completed college. It's offered by our International Mission Board.

Haylee made several short mission trips to the Amazon while she was a student at Oklahoma Baptist University. That became a call of God to go serve there, so she did.

Today, ask Haylee the high point of living in the Amazon rain forest and she will not tell you about rivers, wildlife, jungles or other sights.

She'll tell you about the Bible study she and another missionary led and how a girl named Ana came. After Ana studied the Bible and asked many questions, she committed her life to Christ.

That, and Ana's discipling which followed, were the life-changing memories Haylee will take back to America.

Because our church gives through the Cooperative Program, our church supports many young people like Haylee serving as journeymen around the world.

Let's ask God to lead both Haylee and Ana as they see what God has in store for them next.



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Jay and Kathy Shafto

Africa

Our missionaries we pray for today serve in Africa.

In fact, they are in central Africa — in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Jay and Kathy Shafto serve in the Congo Basin, which is a third of the country. About 400 language groups live here.

Jay and Kathy train leaders in local churches, so those leaders in turn can go share the gospel with other groups.

These men have endured war, jungles and all sorts of dangers with little worry. But the thought of sharing the gospel with someone makes them as nervous as it does us.

Jay teaches the pastors how to use stories about David in the Old Testament. The men have seen conflicts like David did, so the stories work well for them.

One man named Victor formerly served as a guide for the national president. When he heard the story of David and Bathsheba, he told Jay he had been places where the same sort of thing happened.

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Jonathan and Yesenia Santiago

Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

Today in our prayer time, let's go to Puerto Rico.

You may think this island in the Caribbean is just a resort place. But about three million people live there.

Get away from the tourist zone and things look different.

Puerto Rico has been in the news for sad reasons in recent years: a hurricane in 2017, an earthquake in 2019 and the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

That brings us to Jonathan and Yesenia Santiago, our missionaries who serve as North American Mission Board missionaries there. Jonathan directs the Send Relief Ministry Center.

Of course our church's Cooperative Program giving helps support Jonathan and Yesenia and the center.

Volunteers from the United States help the center distribute food and many other resources to help the island people. And of course they also share the gospel in every effort.

Jonathan and the island churches have been busy non-stop for several years. Many people they help have lost everything they own. Needs are often critical.

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SEMINARY
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Jay Mason

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

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He serves in the Middle East and it's best that we do not get any more specific than that. We support him through our Cooperative Program giving.

Jay moved to a nation in the Middle East in 2013, just as the government there gave Christian churches new freedom. Jay was able to plant a new church that has grown steadily. This is an amazing opportunity that has never happened there before. Jay knows God made it all happen.

Jay's ministry is more than a little difficult and dangerous. But he prepared for ministry by studying at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. It's one of the six seminaries our church supports through our Cooperative Program giving.

Our students pay much lower tuition than students at other schools, because our Cooperative Program helps lower costs.

Let's pray for our missionary we're calling Jay.

And let's thank the Lord for our fine seminaries like Southern, which are preparing pastors and missionaries to minister effectively and share Christ, even in some of the hardest places in the world.



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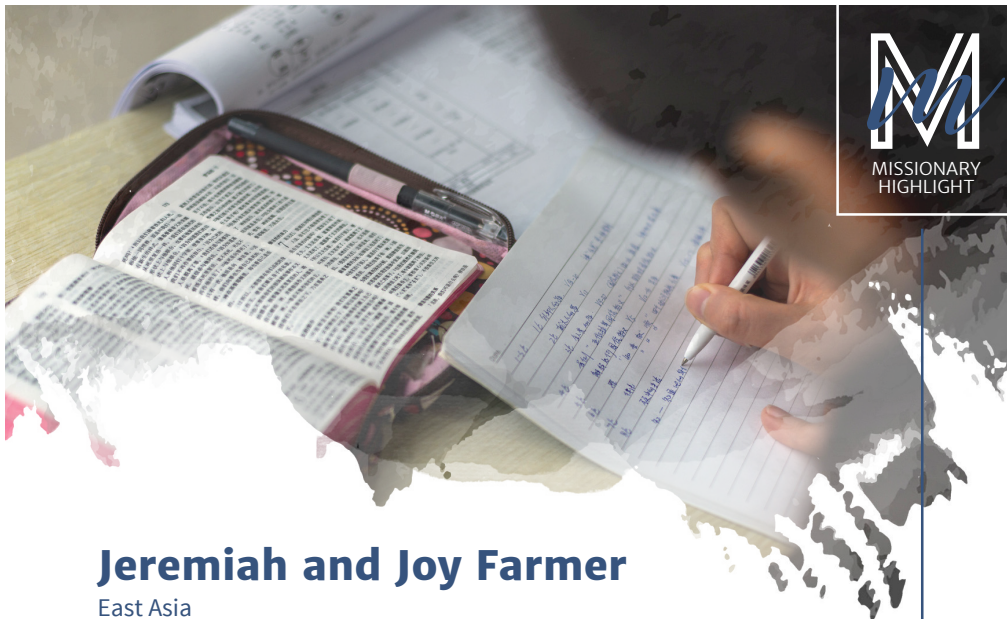
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Jeremiah and Joy Farmer

East Asia

One day, someone will write a history of how Christianity “took off” in East Asia.

That history will include a 2017 meeting which our missionary, Jeremiah Farmer, led. That’s not his real name, of course. But we are going to pray for him today.

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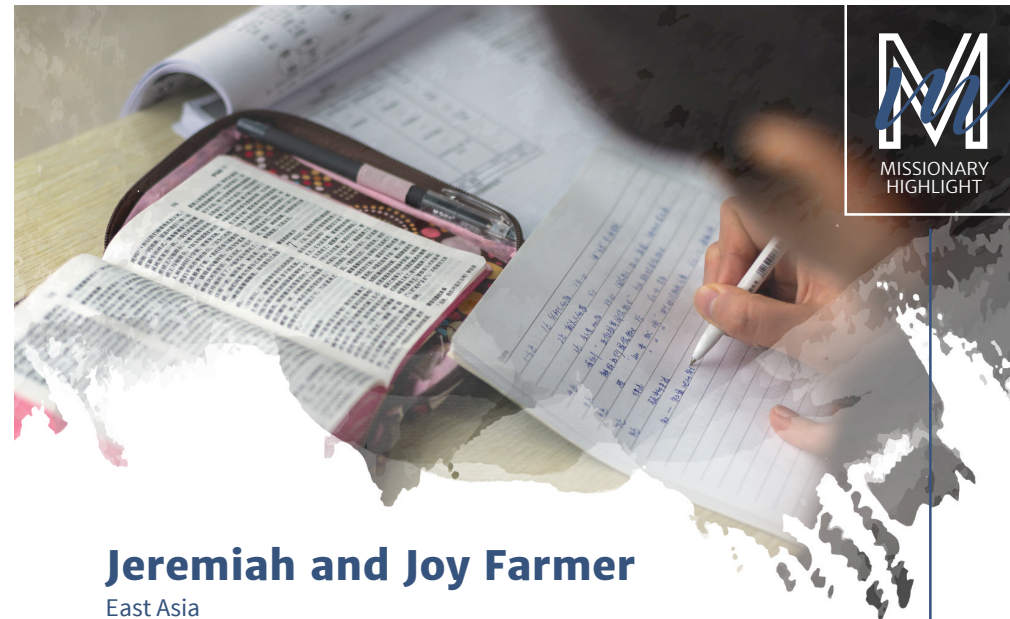
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More than 3,500 church members were trained — and more than 3,000 people came to faith in Christ. Some 1,300 new believers had been baptized and 156 new churches planted!

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Our church supports them through our Cooperative Program giving, even in Argentina, which is on the bottom tip of South America.

John and Lois Wang are reaching university students for Christ at two major universities in Buenos Aires.

Normally the Wangs would have become campus ministers. But the big schools in Argentina don't allow outsiders to have access to students.

So John and Lois became professors! John teaches engineering at one school and Lois teaches Korean at another. That way they can talk freely to students.

Still, it is a slow process because most students resist talk about Jesus. But John dreams of lining up whole networks of churches to start reaching out to students and providing Bible studies.

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Let's pray for John and Lois and ask that God help thousands of university students come to faith in Christ.

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Kirk and Karen Kirkland

Cincinnati, Ohio

Today we want to pray for a home missionary couple called to inner city Cincinnati, Ohio, to plant a church.

They are Kirk and Karen Kirkland.

Kirk says they were living in Dayton, Ohio, maybe an hour's drive north of Cincinnati — and they were comfortable there. When he felt called to plant a new church, he thought it would be about anywhere but Cincinnati.

But the new church has grown. Kirk says planting a new church as a Southern Baptist was much easier than having an unaffiliated church.

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About two million people live in and around Cincinnati and only about 13 percent have ties to an evangelical church. The challenge is massive.

Let's pray that the new church Kirk has launched will grow non-stop and help thousands find faith in Christ.

Our church is supporting home missionaries like the Kirklands in other parts of Cincinnati and in most of the major midwest cities like it — all through our Cooperative Program giving.

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Mojic and Munko Baldandorj

California

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Our missionaries are Mojic and Munko Baldandorj. They became Christians while still in Mongolia and later came to America to plant churches among the estimated 25,000 to 40,000 Mongolians who live here now.

First they helped re-start a church in Denver, Colorado. Now they are planting a new church in Oakland, California. Our church is supporting them through our Cooperative Program giving.

One of the main ways they will engage with people from Mongolia is through basketball, one of their favorite sports. Also, Mojic will meet with newcomer Mongolians and help them adjust to life in America.

Most Mongolians are Buddhist and cling to that as a bit of home. But Mojic and Baldandorj want them to have a relationship with Jesus Christ, not just follow teachings.

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Katelyn Summers

Southeast Asia

Let's say you're a missionary and you're called to a country in Southeast Asia that rejects the church.

Today we're going to pray for a missionary who came up with an interesting solution. We'll call her Katelyn, but that's not her real name.

Katelyn set up a coffee business — not by herself but in partnership with a church in Singapore. Students sent by the church pick coffee berries and bring bags of them to Katelyn. She roasts, processes and dries the berries into coffee beans.

Then she goes through the community and sells the beans. The coffee business helps Katelyn stay in the country. It also provides lots of opportunities to talk with people about Jesus.

Now, our church helps support Katelyn in that far-off country because part of our Cooperative Program dollars are sent to her by our International Mission Board.

How about that missions-minded church in Singapore? We helped send missionaries to Singapore for years and now there are strong partner churches that can do missions work like this.

Now, think about this: Katelyn is selling coffee beans to folks she wants to tell about Jesus. Don't you guess they're wide awake to hear what she says?



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Price and Arrica Wright

Kansas City, Missouri

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They are two of our North American missionaries planting a new church in Kansas City, Missouri. Our church supports them through our Cooperative Program giving.

Price and Arrica planted the new church in Raytown, which is on the south side of Kansas City. They are just a few blocks from I-435.

Their church's name is New City Church Loma Vista, because it is part of New City Church which has groups in several other places in Missouri and Kansas.

Kansas City has become increasingly multi-cultural in recent years. A recent festival drew area residents who have moved here from more than 60 other nations.

Price and Arrica want to reach all of them for Christ— wherever they are from.

The new church has done well. They started with a launch team of 35 people — but that number tripled within a few months.

Price says they're eager to see what God is doing to do with them. He says they disciple new believers who will disciple more new believers.

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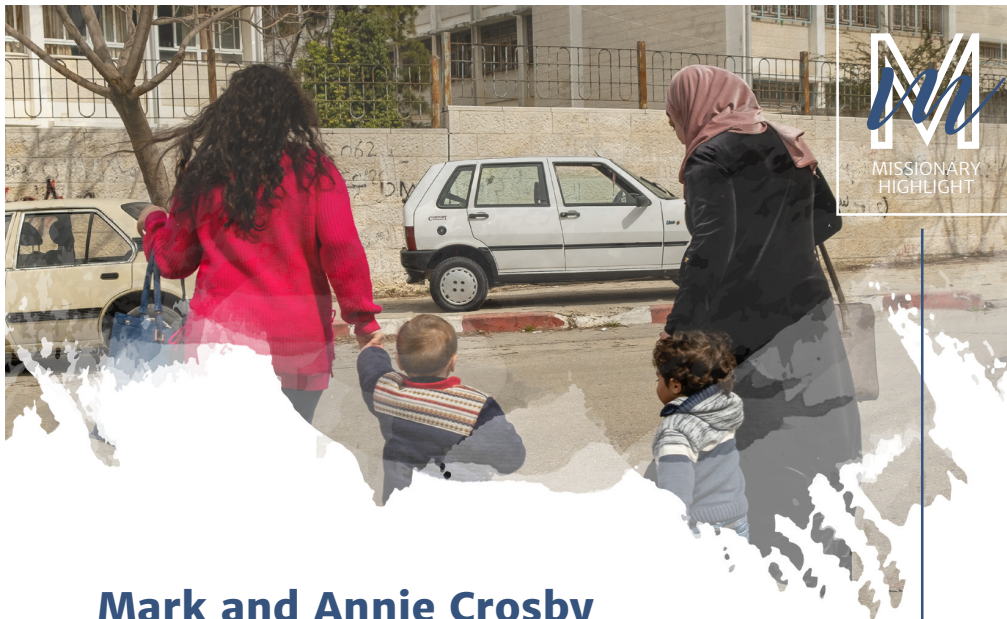
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Mark and Annie Crosby

Eastern Europe

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Most people in the country identify as Orthodox Christians, though for most that's an identity label, not a faith.

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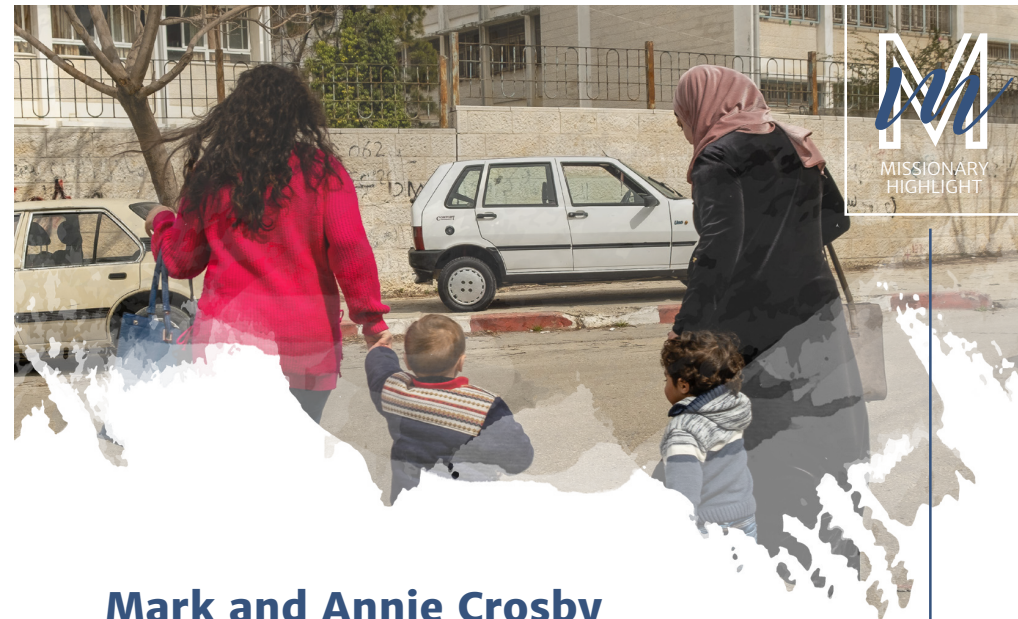
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Ten years ago Liam went to a town in the mountains to study the language. That first day he met a man we'll call L.T., who is part of the people group Liam was studying.

L.T. helped Liam with his translation. The two became friends as Liam returned many times for language study.

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Ramny and Davami Perez

The Bronx, New York

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They are Ramny and Davami Perez.

Their new church is Fordham Community Church and it is meeting in the Fordham section of The Bronx.

Where's that? Well, if you go to New York City and to Manhattan, and if you started walking north from the north side of Central Park, eventually you'd come to Yankee Stadium. Keep walking and you'd get to 2439 Creston Avenue. It's a busy city street like most here — with residents from everywhere. This is where the church meets.

Ramny was born in the Dominican Republic, which is in the Caribbean. But he grew up in New York. This is home for him. It's where he and Davami are raising their son.

One day he hopes their church will become a Kingdom family that displays the love of Christ. He knows getting there will require lots of evangelism and lots of discipleship.

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Rob and Annabeth Wilton

Pittsburgh

Once upon a time, everyone gave up on Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The steel mills were dead and people fled.

In our prayer time today, let's pray for our home missionary, Rob Wilton, who serves there.

Rob says the city needs dozens of new churches.

Why? Because the city population is climbing. The city has changed from steel and manufacturing to technology and medicine-related business. They're calling Pittsburgh the Comeback City.

Unfortunately, many people in Pittsburgh still struggle with poverty.

Our Home Mission Board has established a Send Relief Ministry Center to tackle food needs, homelessness, illiteracy and other problems — all while sharing the gospel. Volunteers from many states have been coming to help.

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Rob and Annabeth Wilton

Pittsburgh

Once upon a time, everyone gave up on Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The steel mills were dead and people fled.

In our prayer time today, let's pray for our home missionary, Rob Wilton, who serves there.

Rob says the city needs dozens of new churches.

Why? Because the city population is climbing. The city has changed from steel and manufacturing to technology and medicine-related business. They're calling Pittsburgh the Comeback City.

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SEMINARY
HIGHLIGHT



Brittany Hall

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Today in our prayer time we want to pray for a young woman named Brittany Hall.

Now, Brittany wears two hats: First, she is a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. That's one of the six seminaries our church helps support through our Cooperative Program giving. So she's preparing for a lifetime of Christian ministry.

Second, though, she is already serving at a new church in New York City, Jackson Heights Community Church. This church is in the Jackson Heights section of Queens. Services are held on the second floor of a Pakistani restaurant. People from around the world — speaking more than 160 languages — live nearby.

Jackson Heights Community is a multicultural church that wants everyone to know Jesus, regardless where they're from.

Brittany leads worship, works with young people and shares her faith with Muslim women every day.

All our Southern Baptist seminaries have great serve-and-study options like this. What Brittany learns in class today, she may use in a witnessing situation tomorrow.

Let's pray for Brittany as she serves in New York City.

And let's thank God for Southeastern Seminary, our school that is equipping her to be effective in ministry.



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Mason and Abby Shearer

South Asia

We love stories about leading someone to Christ.

Today as we pray, we will hear how God brought a new believer to our missionaries in South Asia. We'll call them Mason and Abby.

It was said that Dasya was a man out of hope. He had no job and no food for his family. He walked three days to a city, looking for work. But he found neither work nor a place to stay.

Then a friend said he should pray to Jesus for help. Dasya prayed. Soon a stranger gave him enough money to pay rent for his family. Also, Dasya found a job.

Since Jesus had met his needs, Dasya decided to leave Hinduism and become a Christian.

Mason, our missionary, was going through Dasya's village to share the gospel. That's when he met Dasya and heard his story. Dasya believed in Jesus, but needed help reading the Bible. Mason began discipling Dasya.

We rejoice today that Mason and his wife, Abby, are serving in that South Asian country, because God is clearly at work there. Our church is supporting them through our Cooperative Program giving.

Let's pray for them and let's pray for Dasya.



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Travis and Katy Cunningham

Rancho Cucamonga, CA

We're heading out to the West Coast for our prayer time today so we can pray for Travis and Katy Cunningham. They are two of our North American missionaries our church supports through our Cooperative Program giving.

Travis and Katy grew up in Rancho Cucamonga, which is on the north side of Los Angeles. Travis is the fifth-generation of his family to live there.

They worked five years preparing to plant their new church, which they call Story Church. Travis attended seminary and served with churches in Oregon and Texas.

The area where they live is part of Greater Los Angeles, which has more than 13 million people. New churches are needed throughout the area. Disneyland and Hollywood present elaborate dream worlds, but L.A. people need to know the true story of Jesus and the salvation He offers.

Travis has developed home groups for study, fellowship and outreach — they also have their own app for members to stay in touch.

Let's pray now for Travis and Katy and their two young children as they share with their home town the best news anybody will ever hear — the Good News!



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Matt and Catherine Allison

Malawi

Malawi is a country in Africa. Most people live on small farms. If crops are good, they eat. If crops are bad, they go hungry.

Today in our prayer time, we will learn that, if her husband dies, a woman will have to find ways to survive. Jobs are hard to find for widows.

Two of our missionaries in Malawi, Matt and Catherine Allison, met with a group of widows in 2020 and were able to distribute more than 80 pounds of food to the widows and their children. This was a group called *Hope for Widows*. It was started by a Baptist woman named Amess. While she and her husband were students at the Baptist Theological Seminary, her husband died. So at age 26, Amess was a widow.

Hope for Widows teaches women how to survive and provides Bible teaching on coping. Our missionary, Catherine, was able to speak to the widows and assure them of God's faithfulness, despite sickness, death or famine.

Our church helps support Matt and Catherine through the Cooperative Program. Our Southern Baptist churches also provided the money to buy food for those widows.

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November 28, 2021
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Patrick and Erin Schwartz

Scotland

We are praying today for two of our missionaries in Scotland. They are Patrick and Erin Schwartz, who have served there about three years.

They live in Glasgow, Scotland's capital, with their two young daughters. Our church supports them through our Cooperative Program giving.

Patrick and Erin partner with a local church, Refuge Church Glasgow, to reach local communities.

Many of us probably think of Scotland as a Christian nation. In truth, the church has little presence. Believers make up a tiny fraction of the population. Many church buildings have been torn down or converted to other uses. The Scots literally follow sports more than Christ.

People from many other lands live in Glasgow these days. Erin became friends with Meiyang, a woman from China. At first Meiyang was not interested in the gospel. But Erin's peaceful outlook on life caused her to ask questions. After a year, Meiyang put her faith in Jesus and was baptized.

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December 5, 2021
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Travis and Beth Burkhalter

Colombia

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Well, today we are going to Colombia, South America, to pray for our missionaries, Travis and Beth Burkhalter.

Beth saw poor women begging on the streets of Medellin and she was curious, then concerned.

She learned that these women are part of the Embera people group. They have their own language and often do not speak Spanish. Most of them are uneducated. They have been driven from their homelands by wars.

Travis and Beth began sharing Bible stories with a group of the women. Beth saw they needed a way to make money and survive. Then she saw the beautiful and fine beaded jewelry the women make.

Beth helped the women start selling their jewelry in an organized way. She even helped them sell online.

Beth hopes the women can make enough money to support their families and have decent places to live. And she prays they will also find the true liberty that only comes with accepting Christ as Savior.

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Wade and Sharon Sigrest

Philippines

Today in our prayer time let's pray for Wade and Sharon Sigrest.

They serve on an island that's in the Philippines, on the other side of the planet from the United States. There are more than 7,000 islands in the Philippines, so let's be more specific and say they serve on the island of Cebu.

Wade and Sharon have planted a house church they hope will be the first of many new churches.

Two brothers named BJ and Melbert, high school students, began attending. Melbert had become a Christian after reading the Bible. Then he shared the gospel with BJ, who also committed his life to Christ.

BJ said he wanted to attend a Bible school and so Wade began discipling him. But when the virus pandemic struck the Philippines, they could not meet. So they switched to cellphones.

One day BJ asked Wade to wait till he could get a better signal. Then he said to go ahead. Wade found later BJ had climbed a tree and sat there for the whole lesson, just so he could hear.

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William and Nancy Potter

Southeast Asia

We cannot send enough missionaries to tell the whole world about Jesus. Our missionaries, though, witness to people and disciple them so that more people will hear.

Let's pray for two of our missionaries today — we'll call them William and Nancy. They serve in Southeast Asia.

They have been discipling a man we'll call Siet. Siet was an alcoholic. Once he got drunk and broke up his house. When he looked for help, friends told him about the gospel.

Siet quit drinking and accepted Christ. Soon he decided he should plant three new churches. But Siet did not take it seriously.

Then he was severely burned in an electrical accident at work. For two years he suffered skin grafts and other problems. But he survived and committed to be more faithful. Now he leads a Bible study attended by 10 baptized believers. William and Nancy still disciple him.

Our church helps support William and Nancy through the Cooperative Program. But do you see how they pass along the love of Christ to others and through them, still others? Missions is a great investment for our dollars!

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