



May 2025

Dear Jimmy,



What comes to mind when you hear words like sunshine, the smell of pine trees, roasting marshmallows, hiking, swimming in the lake, and singing around a campfire?

Summer camp, of course!

Now think about these words: love, healing, strength, new life, and hope. You might not usually connect those with camp — but for orphans and disadvantaged children, that's exactly what they find at Allies summer camps.

Our camps are all those things combined: laughter, friendship, encouragement, and the chance for a new beginning.

Can you make a gift today that will provide all this for a child in need?

Many children in our programs come from heartbreaking situations — abuse, abandonment, poverty, and trauma. **They carry burdens far too heavy for a child.** But camp gives them something beautiful: a break from that pain, a safe place to heal, and the life-changing message that God loves them.

Masha, from Ukraine, said:

"At camp, I learned about God and my life changed. I repented. I thank God every day I was able to go. I really want to go again — to be with my friends, the best leaders, and to grow closer to God."

Wendy, 8, in Colombia, said:

"I learned God will always be with me. I wish this camp would never end."



In Costa Rica, our local leader described it this way:

"This camp has been transformative for every child and young person who attended. The love of God was evident — healing wounds and strengthening hearts. A 13-year-old girl shared how she spoke to God by the bonfire and felt heard. Another girl found self-acceptance and confidence in her identity. One child said camp was life-changing, and they connected with God in a way that left a lasting mark. It was more than a camp — it was a journey of healing, growth, and faith."

Do you see what is possible through summer camp?

When you give, you connect children with compassionate volunteers and provide time outdoors, fun with friends, the gospel message, and a lighter heart.

Think of children like Diana who lives in war-torn Ukraine. She told us:

"During this time of war, I really want to be on this island of happiness as before, like in childhood...I will never forget how [at camp] we woke up to loud and cheerful music, did exercises, danced, and learned stories from the Bible. We were like a family. I grew up spiritually and escaped the harsh reality."

Diana calls camp an *island of happiness*. And for just \$100, you can send Diana back to her happy place this summer.

Can you provide this week of joy, refreshment, and healing for Diana or another child like her?

And the impact of camp doesn't end when the week is over. Through the Allies Mentoring Program, our in-country volunteers continue visiting these children every month. They walk them through life's challenges, nurturing faith, healing, and personal growth. Camp may start it — but mentorship carries it forward.

I know your heart aches for the hurting children whose stories we share with you. You care. You want to do something — and we are so grateful for that.

A gift of \$1000, \$500, \$100, or any amount will be an investment that can have a lasting impact in a child's life this summer. It's a chance for them to know that someone cares. And that someone could be you.

How many children will you send to summer camp this year?

Thank you for every way you've partnered with us in the past — through giving, volunteering, or praying. Your compassion means the world!

But today, your gift can change a life. It can give a child a chance to heal, to grow in faith, and to know they are loved.

They are asking for just one week — one week to laugh, learn, grow, and just be kids again. Please give today and help us say yes to every child who dreams of camp this summer.

With hope and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Baeva", enclosed within a circular outline.

Dr. Tatiana Baeva

Director of International Operations

P.S. Orphans are waiting to hear the news that they can go to camp — some for the very first time. They'll hear the gospel, play with friends, and connect with caring mentors. For \$100, a child can experience all this and more. Can you give today and make that dream come true?



From the Landfill to Lasting Hope

You are Helping Us Go Where No One Else is Going



Dr. Tatiana Baeva
Director of International Operations

This spring, we traveled to the Dominican Republic to visit children in the Allies Mentoring Program (AMP) – some of whom live near a massive landfill, surrounded by poverty that's hard to put into words. Piles of trash stretch across the horizon, where homes are made from scraps, and children find their food, clothing, and even toys in the garbage. Many are Haitian refugees with no legal status or access to basic services. Their community is unrecognized by authorities – but it is not unseen by God.

When our team arrived, the children ran toward us, eager for connection. "Water, please give us water!" They begged, their hunger and thirst written on their faces. They devoured the sandwiches we brought and asked for more – not just food, but love. The children were so hungry for human interaction.

That's why AMP is so important in places like this. These children need more than food – they need



In April, Allies Co-Founders Dr. Tatiana Baeva and Chris Burgin visited children in the Allies Mentoring Program in the Dominican Republic.

hope. And people like you are sending them hope through volunteers in this community. These caring mentors accepted Christ and pursued education, and they want to serve the children in their own neighborhood. They are changing the future of their people from within.

We always have more areas with children on our waiting list to receive the Allies Mentoring Program. These children are longing to be seen, known, and loved – but we can't reach them without your help. At Allies, prayer is our number one strategy. Will you join us in praying for the children still waiting – for open doors, willing mentors, and the resources to expand our reach?

We're going where the children are thanks to your partnership – Places where no one else is going like landfills, slums, and refugee camps. With your prayers and support, we won't stop until every orphan and vulnerable child knows: *You are not forgotten. You are loved. Your life matters.*

A Joy Journey: RuthEllen's Story of Sponsoring Melinda

RuthEllen Campbell from Trophy Club, Texas never imagined that saying yes to sponsoring a little girl in Peru would change *her* life, too.

"I had no idea I lived in a sort of bubble," she shared. "But then I saw Melinda's sweet little face and thought, *I want to help her*. I had to do something."

What started with a monthly donation quickly blossomed into a meaningful friendship through letters, drawings, and tiny gifts. "She sent me back this beautiful little letter and a bird-shaped whistle. I don't even speak Spanish, but I loved looking at her handwriting." The translated letter and thoughtful gift reminded RuthEllen of the personal connection sponsorship creates. Through Allies, sponsors don't just give – they build a relationship with a child in need and receive unexpected joy in return.

RuthEllen's eyes were opened – not just to another part of the world, but to new joy and purpose in her own life. "It's an honor to be part of this. Melinda may be miles away, but not from my heart. I stepped outside my comfort zone, and I'm so glad I did. It's a win-win for Melinda and for me."

Now RuthEllen is thinking of creative ways to do more. She wants to sew dresses for girls in Peru, gather friends for blanket-making parties, and dreams of helping even more children. "I'm just a regular person who has found purpose in helping someone else," she said. "We're just getting started."

Her encouragement to others?

"If you're thinking about it – just start."

These children don't have the opportunities we have, and \$50 a month to support a child isn't much. Once you get started, the blessings come back to you tenfold. I wanted to help this darling little girl but, in the process, I found she's doing just as much for me."



RuthEllen's sponsored child, Melinda, lives in Peru.



RuthEllen Campbell of Trophy Club, Texas, is pictured here (right) with friends at the Dallas-Fort Worth Orphan Summit in May.



Scan QR code to view children still waiting for a sponsor.

Introducing Allies Bags of Hope

Planning an international trip this summer? Whether it's a vacation or business travel, you can make a meaningful impact by carrying a bag of humanitarian aid for children in need. Our new *Allies Bags of Hope* program allows travelers like you to hand-deliver supplies to places where shipping isn't possible. Let us know your travel details and the baggage allowance for your trip. Allies will pack the bags, get them to you, and if needed, reimburse you for baggage fees up to \$100.

One of our local area leaders will meet you at the airport in your destination country to receive the aid. It's an easy, hands-on way to bring hope to orphans and vulnerable children – just by taking an extra bag or two with you!

Contact Margie Brooks at 682-400-8218 or margie@alliesyouth.org to get started.



Eric Tucker delivered Allies Bags of Hope to Allies area leaders in Cambodia during a spring trip with Arlington-Mansfield YMCA.



You can deliver smiles to children by taking an Allies bag on your next trip.

AMP Launches in the U.S.

We're excited to announce that the Allies Mentoring Program has officially launched in the United States starting right here in Granbury, Texas! During one of the very first visits, 70 children joined in learning about teamwork and communication through fun, hands-on activities like Telephone, 20 Questions, and a group "Dance Off." Students also created keepsake bookmarks reminding them of a core value: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

One volunteer shared that in her 10 years with the school's extended day program, she's never seen a group consistently show up like this to invest in students' character and emotional growth.

Fifth-grader Sophia, who comes from a single-parent home, proudly taught her mentor a special game from her culture. Moments like this show how powerful it is when children feel seen, heard, and valued.

Because of your partnership, Allies is now mentoring children in America just like we do around the world – one relationship at a time.



Thanks to your support, children in Granbury, Texas are now experiencing the life-changing impact of the Allies Mentoring Program for the very first time at their local elementary school.

Something Exciting is Coming Soon!

Have you heard the news? Allies is launching the *Empowered Life Podcast*! Hosted by Meredith Murray, this podcast will inspire your heart with powerful, faith-filled stories of how God is working through Allies and people like you around the world. The *Empowered Life Podcast* will feature voices from the community – including mentors, donors, global leaders, and more – sharing how lives are being transformed through faith, love, and action.

Each episode will remind you that when we say yes to God's call, He empowers us to bring light into the darkest places.



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Travel with Purpose

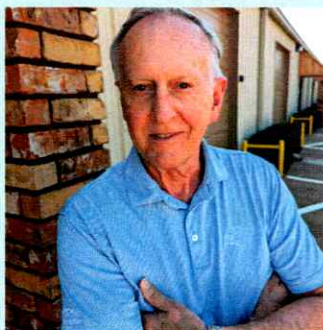
There's still time to join an unforgettable Allies mission trip in 2025!

Argentina: September 11–19

Peru: October 17–26

Experience the beauty of these countries while visiting children in the Allies Mentoring Program. You'll witness firsthand how in-country volunteers are bringing hope, life skills, and God's love to orphans and vulnerable children. Ready to go where purpose meets adventure?

Learn more at www.alliesyouth.org/trips

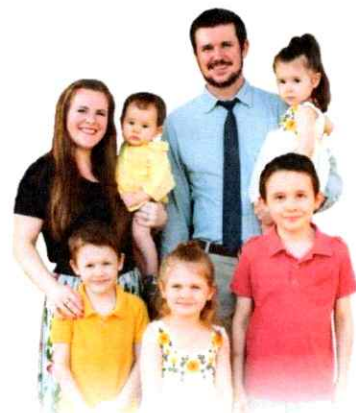


Have Questions or Want to Leave a Legacy?

Doug Price is the newest member of our Allies partnership engagement team and is here to serve you! Whether you have questions about our work, need prayer, or want to explore ways to give – including donor-advised funds (DAFs) or planned giving – Doug is happy to help.

If you're in the Fort Worth area, he'd love to connect with you personally at **(817) 233-2804** or doug@alliesyouth.org.

JOSHUA & AMANDA ALLRED MÉRIDA, MEXICO



May/June 2025:

Dear church and friends,

Greetings from Mérida! We are excited to share with you the many things that have been going on in the ministry here over the past few months!

On May 22nd, we had our seminary graduation. Two students graduated with their Bachelor's Degrees in Biblical Studies. Several others were recognized for reaching milestones in their academic program. Right now, we have several new students filling out enrollment forms as we prepare to start another school year next month. It's always a relief to make it to summer break, but by the time August rolls around, we're itching to get back to classes!

In the meantime, all four churches will be doing Vacation Bible Schools and Youth Camp. These will all take place over the next few weeks. Please be praying for every child, young person, leader, and teacher involved in these events. Every year, we see children, youth, and their families come to know the Lord and commit to follow Him more faithfully through these activities. Please pray for much fruit again this year!

In June, Ciudad Cuzel Baptist Church celebrated its 10th anniversary. It hardly seems possible that ten years have gone by already! Pastor Erick Rico is doing a great job leading the church. They have grown to over 100 people, they are financially self-sustaining, their church building is paid for and they are paying their own pastor, there is excitement and unity amongst the members, they have vibrant children and youth ministries, the adults are involved and active, a few of the members are already studying in the seminary, and four more are enrolling this year.

Pastor José Yam continues to lead the San José Tzal Baptist Church. Their members are also growing and excited. They do regular outreach events in the villages surrounding San José Tzal and have started home Bible studies in several of those villages.

South Mérida Baptist Church is doing great! We have 35-40 in attendance on Sundays. In addition to our leadership team, we have had five other church members going out with us every Saturday to evangelize. A few weeks ago, Santiago got baptized. After his baptism, Emilio recognized his need to get baptized as well. So, we baptized him the following week. After his baptism, two others who had been coming to church for only a few weeks told us they wanted to get baptized too! One small group has finished the first two discipleship classes: "Membership" and "Evangelism." Another group just finished their "Membership" class last Sunday and will be starting "Evangelism" classes next week.

Please continue to pray for the North Mérida Baptist Church's building project. I hope to share some exciting news with you soon about that!

The Mares family, our missionaries in Argentina, have been working on a new project called the "7/20 Project." Their goal is to plant 7 new churches in 20 years in cities along the southern tip of Argentina. They recently left the first church plant in the hands of their son-in-law and have moved to start the second church. Please pray for them as they continue to work in the "uttermost part of the earth."

Thank you for your moral, prayer, and financial support! May the Lord bless you and prosper the work of your hands as we labor together in the fields!

Yours in Christ,
Joshua, Amanda, & the kids

The Road Home

STORIES OF **HOPE** FROM THE ARLINGTON LIFE SHELTER

**Arlington
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SUMMER 2025



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Our Mission:

To promote self-sufficiency by providing shelter, employment programs and transitional services for North Texans impacted by homelessness.

**Arlington
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325 W. DIVISION ST.
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011

Dear Friend,

As we get ready to welcome another North Texas summer, I want to take a moment to thank you. Your partnership is a key piece of the work we do at the Arlington Life Shelter, no matter what time of year.

The upcoming season can bring additional challenges to our neighbors — not least of all, the dangers that come along with high temperatures. But, because of you, summer can also be a time for hope and transition, giving North Texans a chance for a new day, home and life.

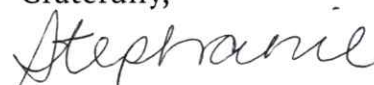
Because of your compassion, children, families and individuals of all ages have the resources, programming and support needed to alleviate the challenges of homelessness and move towards a stronger future.

We work 24/7, 365 days per year to ensure our neighbors have a place to go for help, whether that's a person who's been living without shelter for months or a family trying to make ends meet while living paycheck-to-paycheck.

Please, take a moment to read through our summer newsletter and reflect on the impact you've had for neighbors like Virginia and her son, Veridian, p. 4.

Thank you for sharing our mission. Together, we can make sure every neighbor has access to hope this summer!

Gratefully,



Stephanie R. Melchert
President & CEO



Stephanie R. Melchert
PRESIDENT & CEO

SAVE THE DATE

On October 9, the Arlington Life Shelter will host our annual Road Home Luncheon. This event highlights client testimonies — stories of hope made possible by the generosity of community members like you.

Sponsorship opportunities are available now. If you are interested in sponsoring or attending this year's Road Home Luncheon, visit our website at arlingtonlifeshelter.org/news-events/roadhomeluncheon.html.

You Helped Valarie Heal

When Valarie, 61, reflects on the journey that brought her to today, what stands out is her unwavering resilience.

“I always knew if something didn’t work out, I could find another way forward,” she explains.

Valarie’s childhood was tumultuous, an experience she later recounted in a self-published autobiography detailing her experience in the foster care system.

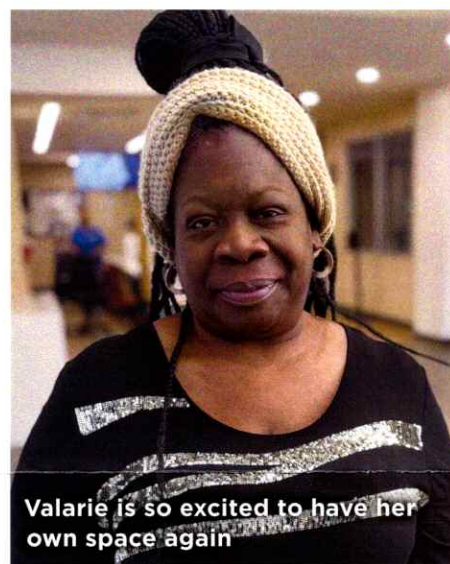
Nevertheless, Valarie was determined to build a stronger life. She earned an undergraduate degree in psychology and a graduate degree in education, then put her schooling to work in a career focused on

mentoring and advocating for young adults.

When Valarie made the courageous decision to leave an unsafe relationship, she came face-to-face with homelessness. But thankfully, friends like you stepped up to help her find a new day, home and life at the Arlington Life Shelter.

“I always knew if something didn’t work out, I could find another way forward,”

Here, Valarie had access to a computer lab where she diligently applied to new jobs, as well as many more needed resources. Soon, her case manager let her know about a promising housing program.



Valarie is so excited to have her own space again

“I was so relieved when they told me I qualified,” Valarie says.

Now, Valarie has the fresh start she needs to continue healing from her past and building a future focused on stability and happiness!



Kirk Shares Hope Through Meals

Some of Kirk’s youngest memories are of his mother cooking in the kitchen. Fast forward, and Kirk has returned to his love of food and cooking through volunteering in the kitchen at the Arlington Life Shelter. “I just wanted to do something to help,” he said.

Our mission is especially meaningful to Kirk, who experienced homelessness himself. For him, homelessness was tied up in a substance abuse disorder. Thankfully, Kirk has

regained stability. He dedicates his sobriety to his late father, Donald Oldham, as the reason he is thriving now.

Kirk has gone on to found a nonprofit, Meals with Meaning, to further his personal passion.

“One day, I was out serving food on a cold, rainy day, and I saw a pregnant woman with no shoes. That moment stuck with me,” Kirk shares, speaking on why he continues to donate time.

With each meal he creates for our guests, Kirk partners

with a different local chef or farmer. “It’s farm-to-shelter,” he jokes.

Now, the nonprofit is approaching 11,000 total meals donated. With each one, Kirk hopes to instill the value service in his children, ages 10, 5 and 4. “I want them to understand the importance of giving back.”

If you’re considering volunteering, Kirk encourages you to try it. “People think they’re too small to help, but that’s not true,” he says. “If I can do it, anyone can!”

A New Mom Shares Heartfelt Gratitude

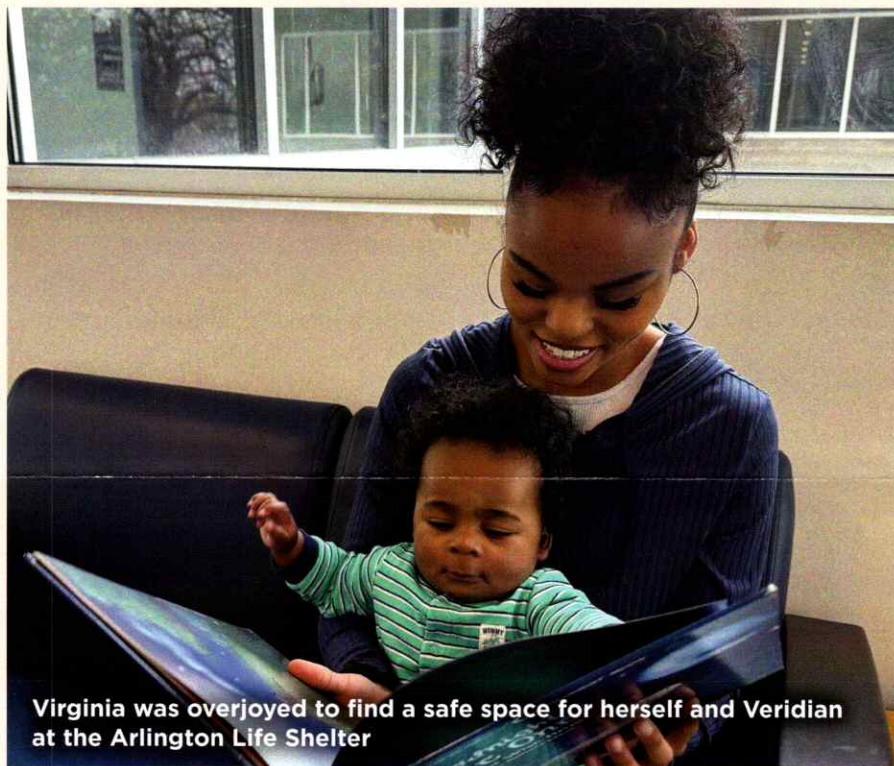
For any new mother, the transition to motherhood is hard, but rewarding. For Virginia, it was a transformation that would lead to new hope and a stronger future.

“Two weeks postpartum, I went through domestic violence, and I was homeless,” Virginia remembers.

“I’m grateful. It really feels like the sky is opening.”

It’s hard to imagine the stress of not having a safe, stable place to land — having to hop between friends’ houses just to survive. When you add in a newborn child to care for, the pressure only mounts.

Thankfully, your partnership showed Virginia that there’s always a helping hand. She called our number from a list of resources. “It was one o’clock, and they



Virginia was overjoyed to find a safe space for herself and Veridian at the Arlington Life Shelter

were like, “we just started intake. If you come right now, we have a family room available,” she says.

Here, Virginia and her son, Veridian, had the stable space needed to decompress, heal and begin planning for the future. Virginia secured a job in childcare at the YMCA, a job that lets her bring Veridian to work.

“I want to get my CDA and become a teacher,” she shares excitedly of her long-term plans.

To friends like you, who are helping her on the path to getting her driver’s license and an apartment, Virginia says, “I’m grateful. It really feels like the sky is opening!”

STOCK THE SHELTER

Our fourth annual Stock the Shelter is right around the corner! We need your support in fulfilling shelter, hygiene, kitchen and clinic needs. You can get involved by shopping our wish lists and bringing, or shipping, your donations to our door.

Scan the QR code below to find our list of needs.




Send donations to:

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325 W Division St.
Arlington, TX 76011

Thank you for your generous contributions!

STOCK THE SHELTER

June 1st - June 30th



LET'S STOCK THE SHELTER!

Arlington Life Shelter needs your help fulfilling shelter, hygiene, kitchen and clinic needs!

Your donations help us serve our increasing number of residents as they navigate their journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency

Arlington Life Shelter

Hayley Wade

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From: Austin McNeil <austin.mcneil@live.com>
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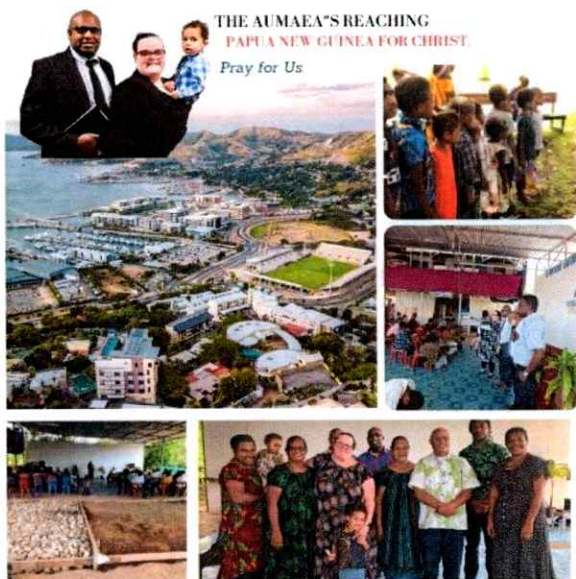
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**Missions: The Aumaea Family - Papua New Guinea.
Prayer Letter & Ministry Updates.**



Ministry Updates

May 31, 2024.

Dear Supporters & Prayer partners, thank you for your support. Your prayers are such a huge blessing to us. It is very refreshing to know that fellow believers are praying for us.

Life has a lot of unexpected trials!

We are grateful and blessed to know that, we serve a Great God. Our God sees and knows everything that is ahead on our journey. During the 2nd week of March, we were attending a missions conference at Faith Baptist Church, Franklin, Ohio. We noticed our vehicle had a problem. It was not shifting right. We drove back and forth for the conference with this issue. Until end of the conference, our vehicle was barely shifting at all. Finally we took it to the shop, and realize transmission was bad. Thankfully, the shop was able to get it fixed. It has cost us about \$3,800.00 to fix it. Thank you, for those who reached out to us with special love offering and prayers. Thank you for helping us getting our vehicle fixed.

Open Opportunity.

We are so grateful for every ministry opportunity we had these past several of months, from March - May. God has been good and very gracious in every aspect of our journey on deputation. By God's grace we have spend about month in Florida visiting churches and presenting our Mission field. We want to encourage churches in spreading the Gospel to the world. After Florida we left for Ohio and then headed to Iowa. While we were in Iowa, we plan to travel out to Wisconsin



and Michigan. Unfortunately, we were not able to find a prophet chamber or Missions house. I had made several phone calls to Baptist churches that had Prophet Chamber. There was no respond from Pastors. We made it back to Ohio safely. In the mean time, we will be visiting churches in the area. Pray for us as we seek more open doors through Churches to present and minister to God's people.

Gospel Preached, Shared & Missions Emphasized!

Deputation is not just raising fund for ministry, It is reaching the lost on the road while we travel. We have handed out so many Gospel tracks and witnessed to a lot of people at rest stop areas, gas station and everywhere we travel on our deputation. It is our desire for the lost to know and accept Christ as their Savior. Whether here in the State or in the Missions field. We could have not this with out your prayer and financial support. May God help as we strive together to reach many lost souls for Christ.

Missions is reaching the lost, with the Gospel.

I thank God for every opportunity HE has provided through churches. Grateful for many open minded Pastors who have heart for Missions. During one of our meeting, we have drove almost 7 hours to a church where I preached and presented. Great church building and a loving Pastor. Preached to eight people during morning & evening service. I was not disappointed because of the number. I was pleased that I had the great blessing of sharing the Gospel and emphasizing missions. God is able and can do great things in the midst of congregation of eight. (Matthew 18:20)





Prayer Request & Blessings.

Please pray with us for safety during traveling.

- Successful Deputation this year of 2024.
- Recent visited churches for support.
- Increase in monthly support.
- Our current ministry - Outreach Program in Port Moresby, PNG.
- Housing & Church Van Funds.
- Preparation to get to the Field in 2025.
- Wisdom & direction

Grateful for the blessings of God through few churches. It is a blessing and an encouragement to know churches that are very mission minded and willing to support for the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ. Apostle Paul speaks of a church that was very unique in 2 Corinthians 8: 1- 6. The Scripture said that out of their deep poverty they gave willingly. In fact, verse 5 explains how they did, they gave themselves first to the lord.

God is good, has blessed us with five churches these past months. We thank God for the Pastors, and Church members who are mission minded and desire to reach the lost for Christ.

- Grace Gospel Baptist Church.
- Faith Baptist Church.
- Mt Pisgah Baptist Church.
- Gospel Light Baptist Church.
- Capitol City Baptist Church.

Thank you for partnering with us in this great work of God. We are humble and blessed because our love for God and effort put into God's work is not in vain. We serve our Savior Lord Jesus Christ with our heart and our life. The Bible says in *Hebrews 6:10* "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

God Bless.

Missionary Joshua & Kristen Aumaea.

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The Aumaea Family Serving in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.
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Joey & Julie

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May/June 2025

Dear faithful friends and supporters,

I hope you are enjoying the summer season, especially the outreach opportunities. We just finished Vacation Bible School with our church here in Arlington. Julie and I taught 1st and 2nd grade again. It was a joy to be a part of such a great team of volunteers that poured into the lives of young people for several days. We pray some of those children grow up to be missionaries one day!

A couple of weeks ago, we received a call that our youngest daughter, Mallory, would need emergency laproscopic surgery. Julie and I headed straight to Tennessee and arrived the morning after surgery. Thankfully, Mallory is now home and recovering well, the doctors were able to diagnose things, and she was prescribed medication to hopefully prevent any surgeries in the future. We are thankful for the timing of things, in that she had just finished her first year of teaching and we did not have appointments scheduled, so we were able to be there prior to VBS.

It was a blessing to preach locally at Antioch Baptist Church this month, and I am looking forward to preaching at Good Shepherd Baptist Church next month. We have booked our flights for Indonesia in August and are making preparations for preaching and leading sessions for the pastors and pastor's wives at the church where missionary Karen Werth serves. We will also be visiting Carole Ross, whose husband David went home to be with the Lord on April 29th. I will be speaking at a memorial service for him at the Bible Institute where he trained many servants. Please pray for Mrs. Carole as she continues to adjust to life on the field without Bro. David. It has been a difficult time for her and the church families there.

I recently had to undergo skin cancer surgery to remove cancer that was found on my head behind my right ear. I appreciate the prayers for a quick healing and for no further spots to come up. Also, Julie recently had a scan on her thyroid and is awaiting results.

Our assistant director, John Horton and his wife Isabel are leaving the mission office to return to Brazil as missionaries. Bro. Horton has been a blessing here for over 6 years, and we are seeking guidance for how the Lord would have us fulfill all responsibilities. Please pray for the Hortons and us during this transition.

Prayer requests:

- Please continue to pray for the salvation of Scott, Ashley, and our mailman, Creighton.
- Please pray for Mallory as she recovers from surgery and for Julie to get good results from her thyroid scan.
- Praise – the Kerr's 30-day business permit was recently approved. Now they wait for the official work permit to be approved. Please continue to pray!
- Please pray for wisdom as we make adjustments at the office.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support. We are humbled by the continual opportunities God gives us to serve the Lord and never take for granted those God uses to meet our needs. Thanks for all you do!

Serving the Lord together,

Joey Bacon
The Bacons

*We love and appreciate
our church family!*



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Bible & Literature Missionary Foundation Update May 2025

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Scriptures in Papua,
New Guinea



Container Loaded
for Zambia

Gospel Munitions Factory

What a treasure we have in this great Nation as we think of all those who have given their lives in service on Memorial Day. The level of character, passion, bravery, and commitment required to make such a sacrifice is a testimony to what they truly believed. Because they believed in the cause, there was no battle too heated and no payment too much to pay for the price of freedom. If you were ever able to visit our old location just two miles down the road from our Bible Barn, you would have seen a large white metal sign with bold letters: "Gospel Munitions Factory" that had been printed and hung by Dr. Bob Lemmon, Sr. many years ago. As a United States purple heart recipient himself, my grandfather understood war. He further understood that this Bible-printing ministry is part of a spiritual warfare. He was well aware that he had enlisted for life in his service to Christ, and he knew the Weapon to wield. His lifelong dedication to the production of the Scriptures was for the sake of those fighting for Christ in distant lands...those in need of the Sword of the Spirit to truly see results – fruit that would remain in their calling. His strong conviction was that one cannot do the work of God without the Word of God, and this is why he died with his boots on for the Lord. Our very name, Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation, was named so because Grandpa was convinced that the very Word of God is the only foundation onto which any Missionary can build...to see souls saved, to disciple Believers, and to plant Churches. Every Missionary will testify that they see more effects to the Glory of God when they have access to the Scriptures to give to their people! Your partnership with BLMF is arming soldiers of Christ all over the world! Your prayers, support, and friendship on the behalf of this ministry make it possible for them to do more for the sake of the Gospel.

-Dr. Shannon Lemmon, *Director*

18 Paper Trucks Received! Still owe for two of those received this month.

1,660,000 Scriptures Printed in 2025:

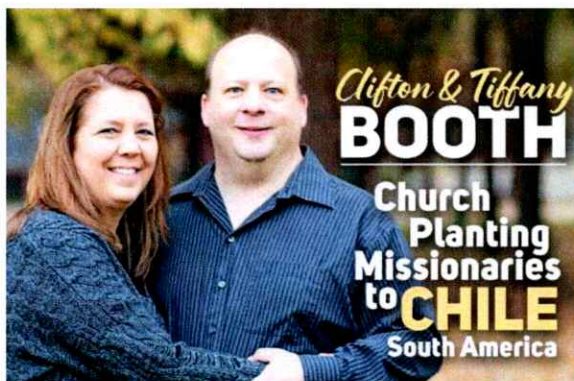
This month, the Lord has enabled us to print **70,000 English Bibles** and **70,000 Tagalog/English Bilingual New Testaments**.

Shipped 8 containers (479,000 Scriptures) total year-to-date!

On May 27th, we shipped **6,000 whole Bibles** and **58,000 New Testaments to Zambia** for Missionary Bobby Bonner! These will be distributed at a conference where they expect more than 5,000 people to attend – many of them traveling over 600 miles to get these Scriptures! We look forward to the amazing results God will provide from this container!

On the Mission Field:

- Container to Papua, New Guinea has arrived! Please pray for Missionary Lewis Young as he distributes these Pidgin/English bilingual New Testaments and preaches!



Furlough and More...

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Furlough has been a tremendous blessing as it has allowed us to visit many churches and rekindle many friendships throughout the United States. The majority of our travels have been focused on the New England area, the upper Midwest, and Texas. We have put several thousand miles on our vehicle and still have many more to go. We recently had the opportunity to speak at a youth camp where the focus was on missions. It was an informal time where around 80 youth had the opportunity to listen to Tiffany's and my testimonies, and they were given the opportunity to ask questions. You could see God was working as many of the questions were not the typical everyday questions, but rather, thought-provoking questions about how to do ministry in other countries and how to reach the lost. Pray with us that God would call several of these young people into ministry, including missions as the need is so great today.

I would like to share another prayer need on the health front. In November of last year, I had to have surgery, and unfortunately, I have had a complication from that procedure and now require another surgery Stateside to fix the issue. Pray that God would guide the surgeon and that He would heal me quickly as there is a lot of pain associated with this procedure. The first surgery required almost 8 weeks to fully recover with the first three weeks being in bed dealing with pain relief. The doctor has told me that this time it should only be about 2 weeks for pain relief as the surgery does not have to be as invasive as the previous one.

On the Chilean front, thanks to modern technology, I have been able to have several video meetings with the leadership. And so, even though we are not physically in Chile, we can stay very involved with everything going on. The ministry continues to move forward. The leaders in Chile have been doing a wonderful job week after week. New people have been stepping up to serve when needed. You might remember that in our last letter, I shared with you Rayen's testimony of salvation and baptism. She has been living with a man for several years and they have two children together, but are not married (which, unfortunately is very common in Chile). She recently wrote to me and expressed the desire to get married. It is wonderful how the Holy Spirit works in the lives of new believers. When we return to Chile, I will begin pre-marital counseling with them as they plan their wedding.

In the coming days, our furlough travels will once again take us into the upper Midwest along with the desert Southwest and the Plains states. Please continue to pray for our safety and health. Pray that God would continue to use us as we visit churches. Pray also that God would provide us with a small amount of new support to combat the rising costs of inflation in Chile. Thank you for all you do to help us reach the unreached in the country of Chile.

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**April, May
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The Browns in New Zealand

May 2025

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The Lord has been so good. There has been much happening in the work and in our personal lives over the last several months. We continue to be thankful for God's goodness.

April was busy leading up to our Easter services. We had communion the Wednesday before Easter, a Good Friday service with a hot cross bun fellowship (salted caramel was the favourite this year) and Resurrection Sunday followed by an indoor Easter egg hunt due to rain. Our annual AGM praise meeting was held allowing us to thank the Lord for his provisions. We also were able to baptize Sahiba (Siba), who we mentioned in our March prayer letter, the last Sunday of April.

May started off with an ordination service for a young man in our church. Isaiah, his wife Sarah, and their daughter, Jaelle, have been a blessing in the work here. Isaiah has felt called to the ministry for quite a while, went through our Bible Institute classes, and completed his requirements for ordination. It was a wonderful service. The following week we received an offer on our house and the paperwork was started immediately. The family wanting to purchase our home are waiting on the financial aspect to be finalized. If all goes well, we will have the final paperwork and deposit on June 3. We have scheduled movers for the items we are taking back for June 12 and have purchased tickets to leave New Zealand on June 30. Please continue to pray with us concerning our move to the states and that no further changes will need to be made.

The church honoured us with a Retirement Party on May 17. Tim and Joy Guenther organized everything and our people went above and beyond what we had expected. It was a lovely but tearful day knowing our time in New Zealand is drawing to a close. We have loved serving here for more than half of our lives.

It amazes me how Dale gets up every day and continues to serve the Lord through his physical struggles. They have diagnosed his tremor as Parkinson's and are experimenting with the correct medication to reduce the tremor and his constant fatigue. We are thankful for his neurologist and team of nurses who are working hard to help him as much as possible before we leave. Keep on praying as we couldn't do this without you.

***By HIS grace & for HIS glory,
The Browns
Dale and Janet***

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NEWSLETTER May 2025

Dear Team Member,

We continue to celebrate the glorious and triumphant **RESURRECTION** of our **CREATOR** and **REDEEMER**! As creationists who accept the Biblical record as being literal, we have an assurance that surpasses the brightest pleasures of our secular world. This is a vital truth in the creation message and one day in the future, all creation will again sing together because of the triumphant work of our Lord. His victorious resurrection defeated death and assured us of our future with Him. **THIS MESSAGE RINGS TRUE!**

We also continue to celebrate the installation of the two big doors in the Biosphere as a major accomplishment. It took two and a half years for expert engineers to "retrofit" these doors to our existing chamber. The "differential pressures" between the chambers had to meet special security compliance requirements. And they do meet these safety requirements!

The first enclosed photo shows a welder cutting out the old frame as we look through one of the portholes. The second photo shows me entering the "airlock" shaking hands with Marc Meadows, president of the engineering firm that designed and installed our new doors. With this installation, we are entering a new phase of demonstrating the credibility of the creation message. Our plan is to bless a great number of people with the evidence and through the products derived from the Biosphere.

I'm sure you know that going forward with these plans will enlarge our financial burden. We deliberately keep the staff small with specifically qualified people in each position. We never ask for funds, but we do ask that you pray for God to supply for the total needs that **HE HAS PLACED ON OUR HEARTS.**

Thank you for being a lifeline!

In our Creator's service,



Carl E. Baugh, Founder/Director/Curator, The Creation Evidence Museum of Texas

Designer And Sponsor Of The World's First Hyperbaric Biosphere

"Science in Scripture—Part 1"

Introduction... We often hear the statement, "*The Bible is not a book of science.*" There is a shadow of truth in this oft-repeated overture, because science is the work of man, and Scripture is the revelation of God. In truth, the Bible is the **Book of Redemption**—far above our ultimate scientific exploits. Science is "performed" by clever men, but Scripture was "revealed" to holy men by the Holy Spirit.¹ At its best efforts, science represents the systematic analysis and highest use of the domains of God's creation.²

However, as the revelation of God, Scripture speaks with authority in all areas addressed: origins, history, morality, divinity, eternity ... **and science**. We saw in an earlier lesson that Scripture introduced the overall areas of scientific research (Feb. 2025 CEM Lesson Sheet), and man was given the mandate to "have dominion" over the physical domains of Earth.³ So it would naturally follow that man would develop the methodology of science.

The Scriptures simultaneously introduce the comprehensive description of the world and universe that requires scientific research on the part of Adam and his descendants to analyze and dominate. "*And God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion of the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.'*"⁴

A. Scripture Announced the Scope of Science in Advance...

Supporting the Scriptures' universal scope in matters of science is the fact that the opening verse of the Bible encompasses the entire universal realm that science has to work with. The Scriptures encompass the design, origin, and function of the entire universe from the outset: "*In the beginning (Time) God (Force) created (Energy) the heaven (Space) and the earth (Matter)*"—which together comprise universal information.⁵

Interestingly, physicists recognize that we are losing information and order in the natural decay of universal processes ("entropy"); which means that the farther back in time astronomy observes physical conditions, the more "structured" and "refined" the universe appears to be.⁶ Discoveries by the James Webb Space Telescope confirm this

¹ 2 Peter 1:21.

² Genesis 1:28.

³ Genesis 1:26.

⁴ Genesis 1:26.

⁵ Genesis 1:1.

⁶ Personal Correspondence, Astrophysicist David Otway Wray, London Royal Society.

observation to the amazement of modern astronomy.^{7,8} The obvious inference is that the original creation appeared at its ultimate highest order of information! "And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good."⁹

B. Scripture Described the Intricate Balance of the Universe in Advance...

Physicists and astrophysicists recently discovered that all physical properties in the universe are so interrelated that none can be changed without adversely affecting the rest. Over 800 parameters have been discovered to date. In science, this is known as the "GOLDILOCKS ENIGMA"... the Anthropic Principle. The Scriptures stated this phenomenon all along! "*Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.*"¹⁰

C. Surprising Science: Unseen Source of Physical Elements

Well in advance of modern physics, the Scriptures clearly stated that light and substance were formed by acoustical vibration from God, and that the result is a physical domain undetectable to the human eye. "*Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things that do appear.*"¹¹ The science of sonoluminescence has verified that *sound can produce full-spectrum light*.¹² Additional mainline scientific research discovered that *intense laserenergy* focused on a small area of powerful electromagnetic energy can produce matter.¹³

D. Surprising Science: Nuclear Components...Capable of Chain Reaction

The Scriptures also stated that "unseen" elements are composed of nuclear components that are capable of chain reaction explosion. "*...the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat...*"¹⁴ In scientific records, nuclear fission was discovered in December 1938 by chemists Otto Hahn and Fritz Strassman, and physicists Lise Meitner and Otto Robert Frisch.¹⁵ Hahn was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1944.

E. Surprising Science: The Bible Said it First!

(Research by Prof. John Heffner; revised by CEM Research Associate David V. Bassett, M.S.)

⁷ JWST, Eric J. Lerner, "THE BIG BANG DIDN'T HAPPEN" at *IAI.TV* (August 11, 2022).

⁸ <https://www.science.org/content/article/webb-telescope-reveals-unpredicted-bounty-bright-galaxies-early-universe>.

⁹ Genesis 1:31.

¹⁰ Isaiah 48:13.

¹¹ Hebrews 11:3.

¹² Putterman, Seth J., "Sonoluminescence: Sound into Light," *Scientific American*, February 1995, pp. 46-47.

¹³ Winters, Jeffrey, "Let There Be Matter," *Physics Watch, Discover*, p.40, December 1997.

¹⁴ 2 Peter 3:12.

¹⁵ *Wikipedia*, "Discovery of Nuclear Fission," https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discovery_of_nuclear_fission.

Scripture **mustered** up the Truth centuries earlier, while Science was doing its best to **catch up!**

1. **Earth is a sphere...** (Prov. 8:27; Isaiah 40:22)
Gap of 700 years (10th - 3rd Cent. BC)
2. **The universe is running down...** (Isaiah 51:6)
Gap of 2600-2700 years (8th Cent. BC – mid-19th Cent. AD)
3. **The winds form a circulating system...** (Eccl. 1:6)
Gap of 2700-2850 years (10th Cent. BC – mid-18th/19th Cent. AD)
4. **Ocean currents flow through the sea...** (Psalm 8:8)
Gap of 2850 years (11th Cent. BC - mid-19th Cent. AD)
5. **Blood sustains life...** (Leviticus 17:11)
Gap of 3100-3200 years (15th Cent. BC – 17th Cent. AD)
6. **Diseases are contagious...** (Leviticus 11:36)
Gap of 3300-3400 years (15th Cent. BC – 19th Cent. AD)
7. **The water cycle keeps the land watered...** (Isaiah 55:10; Eccl. 1:7; Job 36:27, 28)
Gap of 3600-3700 years (21st Cent. BC – 17th Cent. AD)
8. **Earth rotates on its axis...** ([Gen. 1:5]; Job 38:12(?); [Ps. 90:2 → “formed”]; Luke 17:31-36)
Gap of 3850 [-5850] years (41st Cent. BC -) (21st Cent. BC – mid-19th Cent. AD)
9. **Vitamin K peaks at the age of 8 days ...** (Genesis 17:12)
Gap of 3900 years (21st Cent. BC – 20th Cent. AD)
10. **The stars cannot be numbered...** (Genesis 15:5; 22:17; Jeremiah 31:37; 33:22) **Gap of 3950 years** (21st Cent. BC – mid-20th Cent. AD)
11. **Springs in the sea...** (Job 38:16)
Gap of 3950 years (21st Cent. BC – mid-/late-20th Cent. AD)
12. **Earth is suspended in space...** (Job 26:7)
Gap of 3950-4000 years (21st Cent. BC - mid-/late-20th Cent. AD)
13. **Stars produce sound...** [Job 38:7(?)]
Gap of 4000 years (21st Cent. BC – 21st Cent. AD)

<https://science.nasa.gov/universe/exoplanets/symphony-of-stars-the-science-of-stellar-sound-waves/>

Our introductory statements bear repeating: Scripture is the revelation of God. In truth, the Bible is the **Book of Redemption**— far above our ultimate scientific exploits. Science is "performed" by clever men, but Scripture was "revealed" to holy men by the Holy Spirit.¹⁶ At its best efforts, science represents the systematic analysis and highest use of the domains of God's creation.¹⁷

As the revelation of God, Scripture speaks with authority in all areas addressed: origins, history, morality, divinity, eternity ... **and science!**

¹⁶ 2 Peter 1:21.

¹⁷ Genesis 1:28.

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Greetings to our Faith Family,

May 13, 2025

It is with great joy that we send this mission's report to you. **Gospel Connect International** is experiencing our most exciting time of ministry to date. We enjoy visiting churches here in the States, preaching, singing, sharing testimonies about life and ministry, while meeting with old friends and forming new relationships. The most exciting part of what we are doing is sharing the ongoing ministry opportunities in Eastern and Central Europe. What a joy it is to see people connect with us through their commitment to pray, to come and minister with us, and to invest in churches and the lives of both church leaders and the people they disciple.



Our first phase of ministry in Slovakia took place this past March, with our return to the States after April 2nd. We ministered in three great churches, led a one-day regional Evangelism Conference, and taught and shared our story at the bi-annual Ambassadors for Christ School of Evangelists. This training was for over 30 young adults and ministers who are leading the charge of Gospel proclamation in Slovakia. Please pray for these evangelists as they strive to live their lives and ministries to boldly proclaim salvation to the lost in their culture.

It was also great to connect with new friends who pastor or lead churches where we are planning to minister in the very near future. This leads me to our next bit of news and our immediate preparations to head back to Slovakia from May 27 to June 19. Upon our arrival in Budapest, Hungary, we will be met at the airport by Vane, a Macedonian brother in Christ. He has served for the past 16 years with YWAM (Youth With A Mission). Over dinner, we will discuss possible future ministry involvement in Hungary. After our first short night's sleep, we will take a train from Budapest, arriving in Nova Zámky, Slovakia at 11:05 AM. From there, we will drive 12 miles to the township of Nesvady, where at 3:00 PM, we will share art, music, testimonies, and the gospel with 30 to 40 kids at the local YMCA. YMCA clubs are supported and sanctioned by Baptist churches. What a great open door to reach youth and eventually their families!

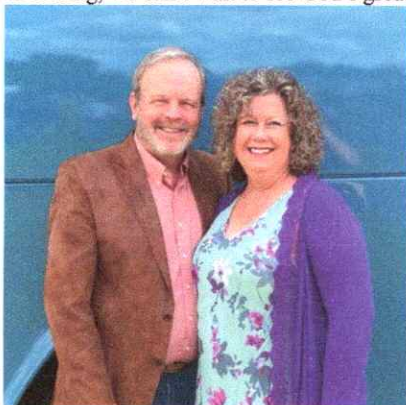
The plan is to do intentional outreach on the streets of Nesvady for a few days before driving 3 ½ hours to the mountain town of Revuca. There, we will participate in several outreach events being planned by a young church planter named Richard. We are excited to partner for two days with this young Slovakian man in his growing church. From Revuca, we will head southeast to the Ukraine and Hungary borders, where an incredible revival is taking place among the Roma Gypsy churches. Hundreds of Roma people are coming to faith in Christ, and we have the privilege of enjoying the harvest with them.

After three days, we will return to the historic and mountain city of Banská Bystrica to work with Pastor Rene, a church leader who was born in the Congo and has been in Slovakia for over 30 years. Pastor Rene has a small Assembly of God congregation with a huge heart for lost people. Please pray for our events in the city center, that many may come to Christ! From this city, we will travel west and minister with some of our Evangelism School students in the Bratislava region. The conclusion of our time in Slovakia will be three days of community ministry with our dear Macedonian-born friend and brother, Pastor Stevo, in the Baptist Church of Hurbanovo.

Please pray for Debbie and me, Tristan and Peyton Davis (our two oldest grandsons), Stephanie Warren from Texas, Jordan Stoilov (possibly his son Jakov) from Macedonia, and Samuel Cekov, who is our Slovakian/Macedonian host. Pray for protection, Holy Spirit guidance, and provisions for the ministry. Pray for our continued ministry in Macedonia, Albania, and Kosovo from July 27 – October 11, 2025.

In closing, we can't wait to see God's great plan at work in the lives of the people we are soon to encounter!

Thank you for your continued prayers and ministry partnership.



Following Him Straight Ahead,

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Dear Brethren:

“... I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18b).

“NO TURNING BACK”

The new building is not ready for us to move yet, but we have passed the halfway point and there is **no turning back** now! The goal is to be in the new building in August, the Lord willing.

We received a huge blessing with two Construction Teams coming down to help us get things ready. We need to say a special **Thank You** to Harvest Baptist Church in Jonesboro, GA and to Franklin Road Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, TN for sending their people down to help! What a blessing they were to us and to our people!

By God's grace, **nine people** have trusted the Lord thus far this year. The Lord is working in our midst. To God be the glory!

Moving Forward by Faith: Update on Needs

Church Building – By faith we ordered the facade (metal framing with glass panels) and the front gate, which will be installed at the end of the month, the Lord willing. **We need nearly US\$ 20,000 to complete the building before the move in August.** Please pray with us for this **great and urgent need**.

Literature Publication – The Lord provided for the translation of two books (Dr. Raymond Barber, *Profile of a Preacher*, and Dr. Shelton Smith, *What About Repentance*) for which we are very grateful! **We currently need US\$ 2,200** for the translation Dr. John R. Rice's book, *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*. By faith we already commissioned this translation. Please pray with us for this need.

Family – The Lord has provided for the maintenance of our car, for which we are very grateful. **A Very Special Thank You to all who contributed to these needs. May the Lord greatly Bless You!**

Yours fellow servants in Brazil,

Harold & Lillian Gilmer

Harold, Lillian, Raphael and Danielle

- 1 - Team from Harvest Baptist
- 2 - Team from Franklin Road
- 3 - Front side of the building
- 4 - Back side of the building
- 5 - Pr. Uarlison, Missionary Sean Lunday and Harold Ralph





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Mt. Abarim Baptist Mission International
 "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." Ps. 122:6



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May-June 2025

Dear Friends of Zion:

Thank you for enabling us to celebrate our 63rd wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 1, here in Brazil, continuing our work with our multi ministries. Our missionary son and co-worker, Harold Ralph, snapped the new picture in our letterhead on our anniversary after the morning service at our sixth church, Vila Guacuri, where Linda accompanies the singing on the keyboard piano and I, Tom, am involved in diverse areas.

A thumbnail sketch of recent results in a long process of praying and working with different people, modifying areas of ministry:

The deaf ministry at our first church, Templo Batista de Indianópolis (TBI), is now functioning under the leadership of Pr. Lucas, a young Brazilian pastor whose wife's father pastored the deaf ministry for many years. They give Sunday mornings to a church for the deaf that was started by former missionary John Spitt in Arujá, a satellite city of São Paulo, with a family from the deaf ministry at TBI. Sunday afternoons and evenings are dedicated to the deaf ministry at TBI. Another man from the deaf ministry at TBI is beginning a deaf work at the church in Vila Guacuri, which Harold Ralph started with others, and which will be the base of his church planting ministries.

Thank the Lord our fifth church, Jardim Ingá, which was begun with the hands-on work of Harold Ralph and Missionary Sean Lunday, and new missionaries learning Portuguese and adapting to Brazil, will now lead the revitalization of Parque Bristol, a church that is about 60 years old, founded by a missionary friend, Clifford New, who is now with the Lord. It had a good, fruitful history but ended up with a handful of elderly people needing comfort and a fresh start. The Brazilian pastor, José Amâncio, has fallen ill and is unable to carry the work forward. Missionary Pastor Seth, the son of Missionary Sean Lunday and pastor of the Jardim Ingá church, has assumed rebuilding the Parque Bristol church.

Medical update on Linda: Diagnosed with erysipelas, a bacterial skin infection in her lower right leg, which resulted in many doctors' appointments and exams (about 15 total), Linda was finally introduced to a specialist outside our hospital plan. Thank GOD she can work at her desk with her leg elevated, attend church services, and do basic household chores--even permitting me to help! She will have preventive medication for possibly six months. The need for foot and knee surgery will be delayed until the infection is totally healed.

Medical update on Tom: A follow-up routine exam alerted the dermatologist to request biopsies of a lesion on Tom's left leg and a small place on his right earlobe. The results revealed no problem with the leg but Bowen's disease (squamous cell carcinoma in situ), a pre-cancerous condition, which must be removed from his right earlobe. Thank the Lord our Brazilian insurance covers all our routine doctors' visits and will cover the small surgery on the right ear. May the Lord continue to bless.

Yours for the Messiah,

Tom & Linda

Tom and Linda Gilmer

PRAISE:

1. Professions of faith: 13.
2. Deaf Ministries: transition completed.
3. Fifth church, Jardim Ingá, will revitalize the Parque Bristol church (about 60 years old).
5. Thank the Lord for multiple opportunities for witness and soul winning at medical facilities while seeing doctors and doing exams.

PRAYER:

1. Salvation decisions of Jews and Gentiles.
2. Bible projects for Jews and Gentiles.
3. Progress in evaluating and giving orientation for four new books by Brazilian authors. Tom is an editorial consultant.
4. Health issues of Tom and Linda and grandson Samuel Hammond.
5. PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM! (Ps. 126:6)

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MAY 2025

Dear Prayer Partner,

Each week via the internet I have the opportunity to meet with pastors and missionaries in Brazil. I am privileged to teach Brazilian and pastors and missionaries. I am thankful for the chance to pour into others, and for the moments when we can teach the Word of God and grow ourselves. Most of these folks we meet with are from southern Brazil. Thank you for your prayers for this initiative.

Giving all that we face many at home and in Brazil are asking if it is a practical to keep on keeping on for the Lord. Well, yes, we must keep on teaching and preaching the gospel because the Great Commission is a command. Sometimes we have to learn to trust God in the dark and He becomes inscrutable. It is easy to trust the Lord when everything is going well, blessings are plentiful, prayers are being answered, and our needs are being met. We know the Lord is our strength and protector. But we also know we live in a broken world and we also know that we must be faithful to the One who has called all of us to be His ambassadors.

- . Pray for our missionaries, for their safety from disease.
- . Pray for our church to serve wisely to our missionaries at home and abroad.
- . Pray for those who are sick and for those who risk their lives to take care of them.
- . Pray for the gospel to go forward and for God to draw many to Himself.

Recently I received a letter from Aguida Hifume Shirayangui. Aguida is Japanese but born in Brazil. When we first arrived in Maués she was catholic and attended a club directed by a nun. The nun said in one of the meetings, "Be careful there is poison in town." She thought to herself, "My dad is a farmer and maybe this poison will help take care of the ants." So she came and was saved with the rest of her family. She is now the wife of a Brazilian pastor and her sister Clara is a medical doctor married to a Brazilian pastor. In her letter she writes, "Thank you for telling my family about Christ. We are immensely thankful and may God continue to bless your life and the life of your family."

This is fruit to the account of all who support the mission work in Brazil. Praise God, His work continues in the country of Brazil and around the world.

*Unworthily His,
Wendell Hiers*

Received in April \$_____

Think what we can do together!

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greetings from Ed and Brenda,

May 15, 2025

The past few months have been eventful to say the least. We were getting ready to travel to Arkansas when the check engine light in our car came on. I thought no problem, I can handle this. The mechanic put on a new alternator. Then the check engine light came on again and over the next few weeks in March we had to replace or fix an exhaust leak, two catalytic converters at separate times, and a sensor in the gas tank (where they had to lower the gas tank from the car). All of this did not deter us from going to Arkansas where two men were saved in the Cummins Unit. Praise the Lord! While we were in Arkansas our car had to be towed and a new starter put on. The cost of repairs were close to \$1,500. The Lord provided and blessed in all things for us! Praise be to our Wonderful Saviour!

April arrived and we went to Oklahoma and Missouri to visit family, friends, and preach. I preached on Wednesday night in OK. While we were traveling to Charleston, MO. for scheduled discipleship meetings we stopped to eat and got food poisoning! I was so sick for four days and had to cancel these meetings.

God spoke to my heart and told me how much I needed Him. It was not anything new but a reminder. Sometimes God puts us through these types of trials and troubles because we have a tendency to become self sufficient. He brought to mind the many people that pray for us. He answered your prayers and we are doing well. I am preparing for the meetings scheduled in May & June.

John 15:5

2 Cor 9:18

God is good all the time!

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Ed & Brenda

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Ed and Brenda

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World Harvest Baptist Missions

May 2025

The Langleys

Ben and Nan

Director of Pastoral Training

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II COR. 5:17

Dear Partners and Friends,

God has blessed the work of World Harvest Baptist Missions in a tremendous way. Souls are being saved and lives are being changed. Buddhist, Muslims and others who have never heard the name of Jesus are finding this new life in HIM! Out of bondage into a new life that they never thought possible. Can you imagine their feeling when they realize that their old life is not being held against them? They are now a new creature in Christ Jesus!

Our staff Pastors and workers work tirelessly, often in great danger to carry the glorious Gospel of our Lord to the unreached people. They need our constant prayers and support.

We are constantly faced with the need of shelter, food and clothes for hundreds of orphaned children which we seek to help through our A PLACE FOR GRACE CHILDREN'S homes.

We are working to get our camp and training center finished in Gaylesville, Al. thank you to all those who have helped and will help. This is needed in a great way.

You are important to us, your gifts and prayers are what keeps us going.

Because of HIM,

Ben Langley

Romans 1:16

Thank You!

TIM LEE MINISTRIES

Patriotic Partner Newsletter

MAY 2025

MEDAL OF HONOR MUSEUM; ARLINGTON, TX

Last evening, April 30th, I spoke at the new Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington, Texas. This was a salute to Vietnam veterans for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. That's the date of the downfall of Saigon. For me, and my Vietnam Vet brothers, it's an emotional time. So much was sacrificed for over fifteen years, including over 58,000 American lives! May we never forget those who gave us so much.

NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH; COVINGTON, LA

We were in special revival services in Covington, Louisiana, with Pastor Clark Stewart and the wonderful folks of New Zion Baptist Church. **Twenty-one people came for salvation**, and many church members made other, impactful decisions! This was my fourth time at this church, and the Pastor and I agreed it was our best revival to date. Praise the Lord!

IRONMAN CONFERENCE ; WILLOW PARK, TX

On April 4th and 5th, I attended the annual Ironman conference at Willow Park Baptist Church in Willow Park, Texas. Pastor Jimmy Withers has been the director of this conference for thirty years. Nearly 700 men were in attendance and **thirty-seven men called upon the name of the Lord for salvation!** Pastor Clark Boshier, Pastor Jack Graham, and Theologian Paige Patterson also spoke, and they each brought powerful messages.

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY; LYNCHBURG, VA

April 7th-9th, I was in Lynchburg, Virginia, for trustee board meetings at Liberty University. For the past four years, I have had the privilege to serve as the board's chairman. Of course, this unpaid position requires many hours of my time. Liberty is the largest Christian University in the world, with over 140,000 students enrolled! There is a spirit of revival on the campus. Our granddaughter, Sara will graduate from LU next year and our grandson, Reid will graduate in a year and a half. Please pray for this great institution.

SHILOH ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH; JASPER, GA

Saturday, April 12th, I went to Jasper, Georgia to preach at another men's conference at Shiloh Road Baptist Church. It gets me fired up to see men excited about Jesus! We need more of this. There were about eighty registered and the Lord blessed with **four men coming for salvation!** My sister, Jennifer and her husband Danny were able to attend. They live close to the church so I stayed with them and we had a great time!



With my wonderful sister, Jennifer (and Ace 🐶)

WILLOW PARK BAPTIST CHURCH; WILLOW PARK, TX

Saturday evening I flew home to Dallas, drove to the house to pick up Connie and we were off, headed back to Willow Park, Texas which is about an hour and fifteen minutes from us. It was fast and furious! I preached three times for Pastor Clark Boshier at Willow Park Baptist Church and **six came for salvation** and there were many other decisions made by believers. Willow Park is a supporting church of Tim Lee Ministries and we are so thankful for them and Pastor Boshier.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

I know I say this a lot, but it is so true so I'm going to say it again, thank you for all you do for this ministry. We could not do what we do without you. The body of Christ is a beautiful thing. I pray that this month brings you blessings, peace and joy. Genesis 30:49 "The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another."

TIM'S SCHEDULE		
May 4 The Ridge Church Villa Ridge, MO Pastor Norm Howell	May 18 Pleasantview Baptist Church Arlington, TX Passtor Jimmy McNeal	May 25 Rock Harbor Church Bakersville, CA Pastor Brandon Holthaus
June 1-4 Cloverleaf Baptist Church Louisville, KY Pastor Geoff Lacefield	June 8 Lighthouse Baptist Church Xenia, OH Pastor Josh Bevan	June 15 Fairview Baptist Church Knoxville, TN Pastor Jeff LaBorg
Visit our website at www.timlee.org to view more events and see when Tim will be speaking in your area.		

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES		
<i>"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2</i>		
John Snyder asks that we pray for the salvation of a family member.	Greg Herman asks that we pray for friends who need salvation and for his mother with health decisions. Also pray for the safety of law enforcement.	Norma Carmichael asks that we pray for her Uncle Butch who has multiple health issues.
Neil Tenney asks that we pray for Linda who is healing from surgery.	Marc Williamson asks that we pray for Blase (pronounced Blaze) who has brain tumors.	Carl Meyers asks that we pray for healing for his eyes and legs.
MarySue Rogers asks that we pray for Chad, Ryan, Terry and Ava all have medical issues. Also pray for salvation of her friends and family.	John & Jaqueline Harman ask that we pray for their son, Michael with health issues.	Karen Disher asks that we pray her children and grandchildren as well as her siblings.
The following are pastors, pastors wives & friends of TLM who are having health issues: Addien Pike, Analisa Castillo, Ergun Caner, Debi Hamson and Pam Stewart.		

REMEMBER...

Please remember to pray for

Tim Lee Ministries

- Pray for Tim and his wife Connie as they travel.
- Pray for souls to be saved.
- Pray for the financial needs of Tim Lee Ministries to be met.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- If you have prayer requests to submit, please fill out the enclosed card (include your name on the card).
- We take your requests very seriously and will pray over them.

WE NEED YOU!

Please pray and consider helping TLM by supporting the ministry on a monthly basis.



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Fishing has been good!

The Borjas

James, John & Mary



Dear Prayer Warriors,

May – June 2025

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for Gloria and me. Our return to the field after our medical furlough has been very fruitful. We were met with joy and excitement from our church folk and as soon as we got over our jet lag, we immediately jumped into the work. Gloria and I are currently working with 3 families. Six family members have already accepted the Lord as their Savior while the others are still learning and considering. Often we have to go all the way back to Genesis to explain the proof of who God is and the origins of our sinful world before they will even understand their need for a Savior.

I met the **Borja family** at the Saturday market and started witnessing to them as we were eating the goodies we bought there. The dad said that he had “done that” several times before but it never worked on him, however he encouraged his son and nephew to listen carefully. They both prayed and got saved that day! Frank (Dad) is Chamorro and Heather (Mom) is Palauan and we immediately began home Bible studies with them twice a week. I brought another young man from church to be my silent partner and he found it amazing how hungry the whole family was for the Word of God. I reminded him that this is what we’d been praying for. He agreed but sadly admitted that he’d never seen this kind of response. Please keep the Borja’s in your prayers as we hope Frank (the Dad) will understand what he did wrong the many times he prayed as a younger man when “it didn’t work”. Simply put he didn’t get truly saved, yet. Also pray for families like the Borjas who are from two different cultural backgrounds. This makes explaining away their wrong ideas they’ve grown up with seem like a competition in the family (it’s a spiritual battle) with “he says” and “she says” leading to long explanations to help them understand clearly what the Bible says and means.

Here in Saipan, we are trying to get our folk in church over their nervous fear to go soul winning. After dividing everyone into teams of two to three members, we have started going house to house to introduce ourselves to all of the neighbors in our village on the south side of the island. None of our folk are from this area so their inhibitions rose due to the stigma and reputation of the village around us. This is where I met my second family who we’ve started home Bible studies with, **Mary and her family**. She is Catholic but that’s just because the family she’s married into is Catholic and as a lady in a wheel chair she relies on them to take her everywhere. When I showed up, she begged us to come back weekly to help her read and study the Bible. Please pray for Mary, James, John and Mario because all but her were “high” on drugs during our first two visits. Now they’re having a “Custom” for the death of a family member so we won’t be able to return for about 6 weeks. Traditionally lots of people have the names of many of Jesus’ family and followers, but their addictive habits may keep their hearts and minds from truly getting to know Him. Please **pray** for their soberness during the days we visit.

Partners in His our Lord Fishing Grounds,

Terry & Gloria McClure

Terry & Gloria McClure, PO Box 506399, Saipan MP





MIDKIFFS

TO INDONESIA

"DECLARE HIS PRAISE IN THE ISLANDS" - ISAIAH 42:12

May - July 2025 Prayer Letter

Reverse Culture Shock

We have been back in the United States for three months at this point. It has taken us some time to reacclimate back to living here. With so many differences, both culturally and practically, we have, at times, really felt like foreigners in our own country. One of the biggest adjustments has been driving larger cars very quickly on a different side of the road. The large size of grocery stores and the overwhelming options of food to eat has been really exciting but, also, quite overwhelming! We have also enjoyed many things that we have greatly missed, such as playgrounds and wide-open spaces for the girls to run and play. We are finally starting to feel comfortable and settled.


Health Update

Thank you very much to everyone who has prayed for my (Jonathan) dad and his battle with cancer. My dad has been undergoing intravenous and oral chemotherapy in addition to hormone treatment to halt the spread of cancer and irradiate it simultaneously. He has just finished the 4th of 6 chemotherapy treatments. The bloodwork tests show that the cancer markers have come back down from over 4,000 to the normal range. This is huge and means the cancer is no longer spreading! The doctor was not able to give any clear answers regarding the long-term impact on my dad's lifespan until this first set of treatments is finished. The future is uncertain, but we know that God is able to heal. We are praying that He will completely heal my father. Praise the Lord, Dad has been able to continue working his secular job at FedEx while pastoring. He is in good spirits, but the first week following his treatments have been the hardest for him. Please continue to pray.

Bible College Graduation

The third week in June was the graduation at the Bible college in Central Java. I was so thankful that I had the opportunity to return to Indonesia on a quick trip to be there for that and manage a few other important things at our house. It was a huge blessing to see **five graduates** walk across the stage and receive their diplomas. We are excited to see how God will use them. **Please pray that God will bless the college and bring in new students for the upcoming semester.**

Some of the existing buildings on the college campus are in **great need of renovation and repairs**. We are also working on plans to add some additional workspaces for the teachers and additional dormitory space. These upgraded facilities will provide space to house up to 60 students. Some of the renovation work will be started at the end of July so that it can hopefully be completed before classes resume in the fall. The school is planning to add some additional teaching and office staff to ensure that everything continues to run as effectively as possible. **We are praying that God would meet these financial needs for the Bible college.**





Updating and Encouraging Churches

Starting in July, we have begun our scheduled time of visiting and updating our supporting churches. We have enjoyed being able to stay with Danielle's parents through all of June and July as we have been visiting supporting churches in Tennessee. At the beginning of August, we will be traveling to North Carolina where we will get to stay with my folks for all of August. We have been able to schedule meetings at almost half of our supporting churches to give an update during this furlough time. We have a few limited open times in our schedule. If you would like for us to come by for a visit, I will do my best to try to fit it into our schedule.

We are extremely grateful that at this time **we do not need to raise any additional monthly support for ourselves**. We have had some churches asking so far about any needs we may have in the near future. **We will be looking for a large freezer and a generator/backup power system** for our new house when we return to Indonesia. We will be living in a bit more remote area where some foods are hard to come by, and the power is often unstable. I will be getting some prices on the cost of this equipment for anyone who would like to help with this need. **Also, I would like to make the opportunity available for any church or individual to sponsor one of the Bible college students**. The students are required to pay a very minimal fee for their registration, courses, and lodging. Though this fee does not fully cover the expenses, it is sometimes a challenge for the students. **The total cost for 1 student's full expenses for an entire year comes to about \$500**. These funds will function as financial aid/scholarship for the students. The students are not able to work while studying, but they are all required to be involved with maintaining the campus and caring for the garden, catfish ponds, and goats that have been prepared to supply some food supplies for the college and cover some of the expenses for the Bible college. If you have any questions about supporting the Bible college, please feel free to ask. Any funds specifically designated for the Bible college students can be earmarked as "Bible college students."

Please pray that God will work in hearts through our church visits here. We greatly desire that God would move and call new laborers to Indonesia. I had the chance last week to share about Indonesia at Camp BIMi, missions camp at BIMi, and I will also be sharing again next week. During our next term, we want to be ready to host and assist prospective missionaries in survey trips or mission internships in Indonesia. There are many opportunities here for families and single missionaries. Pray that God will send new missionaries!

Prayer and Praises

Please pray that God will give us safety in traveling here in the US. We are so thankful that He has provided us with a good reliable vehicle to use for our furlough. Pray that our house and property in Indonesia will remain secure and intact while we are gone. Pray that home renovations go smoothly. Praise the Lord we have several people looking out for our property in the old and new places. Pray for our friend, Dinno, as he we will traveling back soon from visiting family. Pray for our physical health.



Jonathan Midkiff
Missionary to Indonesia

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TILLIE BURGIN

Coming Up
Summer Camps
in July

Thank you for your help and support. We have the privilege of serving in the center of our community - which seems to be reaching out to the "ends of the earth."

As many of you drop by with your donations, you have asked about the charter buses that are here. These are young people coming in from near and far to be part of the mission work in our city, which we call Rainbow Express®. These students are engaged with children & youth all over our community. They provide snacks and games and Bible stories.

A mother asked me one day, *"Are the buses gone? Are they coming back soon? The reason I am asking," she said, "is that every morning my son goes out to the curb with his stool and sits, waiting and watching for the bus to come."*

Thank you so much for your support and prayers for the Mission Arlington® summer events – camps and Rainbow Express. Please stop by when you can. We would love to give you a hug and a personal "Thank you!"

10,000 STUDENTS NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES

You can help by donating supplies.



You can donate school supplies in three (3) different ways:

1. **Drop-off** the supplies at Mission Arlington®, anytime between 7 and 7 Monday-Saturday;
2. **Click on the Amazon Link** on our home page (missionarlington.org) to send supplies to us;
3. **Donate through our website:** (missionarlington.org). Choose "School Supply" fund.

Supplies of all kinds, for every age group, are needed. Thank you!

Volunteers are needed to organize and distribute supplies.



Organize & Pack:

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

Times to Distribute:

- **Friday, August 1st:**

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

- **Sat., Aug. 2nd:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Mon, Wed., Fri, Aug. 4,6,8:**

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

- **Tues. & Thurs. Aug. 5 & 7:** 4-7 p.m.

- **Sat., Aug. 9th:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

RAINBOW EXPRESS®

Rainbow Express® is our version of a "back-yard Bible club," with crafts, snacks, games, music, and teachings for children & youth from the Bible.

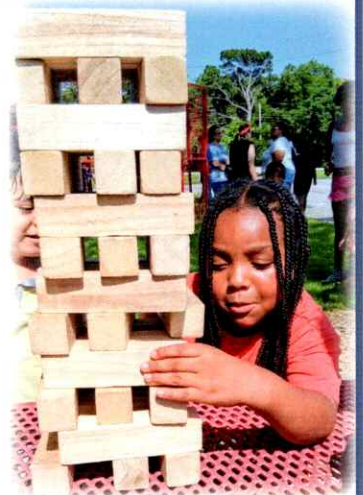
So far this year, we have hosted Rainbow Express® in 91 locations, with an attendance of 7,373 children.



FUN DAYS

Over **900 children** have attended one of our three (3) Saturday "Fun Days" this year.

Children play indoor and outdoor games, eat lunch, then hear a lesson from the Bible.



SUMMER MISSIONARIES



Eight (8) students from cities across Texas, and from Mississippi, have dedicated their lives to service through Mission Arlington® this Summer. They are such a blessing to us and also to families across our community.

39-YEARS OLD

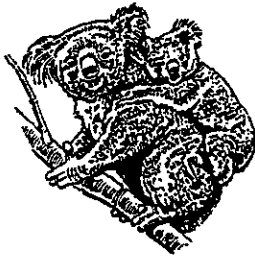


On August 1st, we turn 39-years old. Pictured here, a young girl named Tillie meets her namesake at Mission Arlington®. May we always be a place that "blesses the generations." Thank you!

THREE (3) LARGE EASTER EGG HUNTS



2,967 children attended one of 3 big egg hunts this past Easter, on a rainy, Spring day. Over 100,000 eggs, filled with candy, were given to children. ***So Much Fun!***



Ministering to Australia

Inter-Australia Baptist Mission JUNE 2025 UPDATE

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Dr. Don Crain, USA director

Dear IABM partners and friends, *Pastor McNeil and Pleasantview Baptist family,*

It is a blessing to be able to update you with the praises and needs of these churches that IABM seeks to help. Thank you for joining in prayer for them. Please read below for the happenings and calls for prayer. Each one is seeking to spread the Gospel in their sphere and appreciates our assistance.

In Dalwallinu, Western Australia, Pastor Danny Wojcik and his wife Robbie of Dalwallinu Baptist Church send their greetings and thanks for our continued prayers and support. In this small rural town with a population of about 700, this church holds an important place in the community. Pastor Danny continues to volunteer in the community, and that has brought a number of contacts for sharing Christ and His love, especially during funerals. **Please pray for Dylan and Kirsty, who are coming to the church from a community group, that they might respond to the gospel.** Also pray for Joel, a new Christian, for his growth, and that he would continue coming to church. They send praises for recent youth camp and mens' breakfast where seeds were planted. **Two sisters are to be baptized 27 July and please pray others may join them.** Pastor Danny reports his chaplaincy in the local school is going well with lots of pastoral conversations. **Prayers are requested for a new school not far from "Dally" that has requested a chaplain...for one to step into that role.** Their church anniversary is coming up in August, and they are expecting a number of visitors. Please pray as they prepare for this, and for ones to be challenged by the gospel. **Pastor Danny's wife Robbie is in more and more pain as she awaits her hip surgery 14 August and is in need of prayer.** Also it is a time of joy for their family as their daughter-in-law is expecting their first child in August and their daughter is expecting their third child in September.

In Melton, Victoria Pastor Robert Apps and wife Katie of Open Door Baptist Church are thanking the Lord for answered prayer. In the March update it was shared that ODBC needed to find another meeting place for April

*Gratefully received for Apr. May '25 \$200 for IABM.
Thank you for your prayers and support and care.
You are a blessing! Love and prayers,
Emma*

and May because of renovations in the Community Center. For a number of months this place had been "squeezy". The need for for a larger, more permanent venue had been given to the Lord. **He has provided! They are now meeting at a Christian school only a few kilometers away from their old venue and still in the suburb of Melton.** It is a good bit larger and the school has already given verbal confirmation that this can be for a long term rental with only the paperwork to complete. **Thank you for your prayers for this!!** Quite a few visitors have come along since this move, and an additional primary Sunday school class will begin soon to accommodate the extra children. Please be praying for these these new ones to make ODBC their spiritual home. All the regular ministries continue, and Katie remains very committed to the music and women's ministries. **Special prayer is requested for one of their church family, Roy, who had a recent neck fusion that has left him with loss of movement down his left side.** It is a very difficult time for Roy and his wife Denise, and prayer for his healing is requested. They are trusting in the Lord for a healing. **Pastor Danny and church family send their thanks for our prayers and support.**

In Wesburn, Victoria Pastor Andrew Leng and his wife Jessica of Wesburn Baptist Church praise the Lord that their four young ones (all under five) are not as consistently sick, which has been a **major blessing** for their family. Having two sets of twins keeps them on their toes anyway! **Recently WBC has sent off their missionary with Go Deaf Missions, Marie Hopkins. She is currently in the US traveling with Go Deaf raising further support. Please uplift her in prayer.** At the beginning of April, three were baptized at the church. Pastor Leng asks prayer for the Lord's help in the upcoming funeral of an older believer. As a young pastor, it is his second funeral to lead. Please continue to pray for council approval of their second building project, as there are still delays there. **They send their appreciation for prayers for these and for our timely support.**

These small churches are doing a work for the Lord there in Australia. May it be a joy to you to be able to join in prayer with them. Their gratitude is great. Thank you also for your prayers and care for me.

Love and prayers,

Emma + the IABM team
Emma and the IABM team

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May 2025 Update

*Thank you for praying that God may open a door for the gospel message in Japan
(Colossians 3:3-4).*

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Taking First Steps

*and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth;
it shall not return to Me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”*
(Isaiah 55:10-11)

We are entering the rainy season here in Japan and as I considered the rain, it reminded me of this Bible verse. This passage of Scripture is so encouraging because it gives me confidence when sharing God's Word with those who have never heard. His Word will not return empty but will water the hearts in which the gospel seeds have been planted! And God is the one who brings the growth (ref. 1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

It's for this reason why I'm so excited to share with you that recently I've been able to start a couple of one-on-one Bible studies with my friends, [Hikaru](#) and [Amelie](#)! The Lord has put these two in particular on my heart, as they have been soft-hearted and actively seeking to know more about the Lord. At the church plant I attend, they have an introductory Bible study for seekers called "First Steps." It's written in both Japanese and English and walks through what we believe as Christians, using key Bible verses and helpful explanations, contextualized for the Japanese.

When I asked both Hikaru and Amelie if they'd like to start going through this book, they each eagerly agreed. I have been meeting with both of them one-on-one every other week. Last week Amelie and I went through the first lesson, which teaches on "What is God like?" Amelie, who I met originally in our language school, is a bright young woman who loves learning Japanese. To my surprise when I showed her that the book was bilingual, she excitedly asked, "Can we do this Bible study in Japanese?!" I chuckled and replied, "Sure!" As she read each section in Japanese, I'd ask her to translate into English to make sure she understood, then we would check by re-reading the English together. She learned that there is only one true God, God is the Creator, and that God loves us and that we were made to be in a relationship with Him. When I asked her what her thoughts about what she learned were, she said, "I think this is good and makes a lot of sense." Praise God! **Please continue to pray for Amelie. Our next meeting will be May 28th where we will discuss "Who is Jesus?"**

Steps. God has really been blessing our friendship and each time we hang out, she trusts me more and more and expresses her thoughts with me more clearly. When we hung out last, we attended church service and then headed to a local family restaurant to have our Bible study time. Hikaru has been attending church for a while now and has always remained open, yet I have sensed a hesitation in putting her faith in Jesus wholeheartedly. So we decided that it might be best if we walked more thoroughly through the gospel to make sure we were on the same page.

In one of my previous newsletters, I shared that she wouldn't really give me details about why. But more recently, she opened up more as we walked through the gospel again in the First Steps book. She told me that while she believes that Jesus died on the cross for her sins, she is not ready to change her lifestyle and commit fully to Christ yet. I came to realize that while she affirms Jesus as Savior, she hesitates to trust Jesus as her Lord. Yet, I was so thankful to God that she remains soft-hearted and is willing to continue our discussion of the gospel. The next time we meet, we are going to pick up where we left off and talk a bit deeper about what it means to be a disciple of Christ and that we can trust Him with our lives. **Actually, would you please commit to praying for Hikaru for the next 7 days? We will attend a women's retreat together this coming weekend (May 31-June 1) and I truly believe the Lord will work mightily in her heart during this retreat.** I know that with your prayers, God will move her heart even closer towards Him!



Top/left:

Amelie and I went to a delicious hot pot restaurant with the Cornerstone Tokyo church members!



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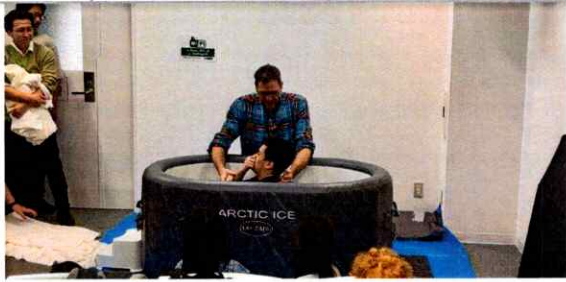
Viewing the cherry blossoms at the famous Meguro River walkway with Hikaru.

During a language tutoring session with [Seko-sensei](#), our lesson transitioned very easily into a spiritual conversation when a simple and honest question was asked, "Is God silent?" You might be wondering, "How did your conversation turn to that topic in the middle of a language lesson?" During our Zoom meetings, my teacher usually gives me topics to discuss and through this she helps me practice my Japanese speaking. Oftentimes our conversations will take a turn I never expect! For this particular lesson, Seko-sensei was asking me about books I had read. At first we discussed childhood books that I read growing up, and then she asked me, "Have you read any books written by a Japanese person?" To which I answered, "Yes, the book *Silence*." She replied, "Oh! I've read that book also! The one by Shusaku Endo, right?"

To give you a bit of background, the book *Silence* is about 17th century Catholic missionaries bringing Christianity to Japan for the first time. It shows both how quickly the Japanese readily accepted Christianity and also the swift persecution that came about by the governing authorities. It's a story of the persecution of Japanese Christians and the author wrestles with the topic of the silence of God amidst such suffering. I'm so thankful that I had read that book and that God provided a wide opening for yet another chance to share about God's goodness. I shared with her that God is not silent and that He reveals Himself in nature (ref. Psalm 19; Romans 1), through His Word (Bible), and that God is not far from any of us and wants us to reach out for Him (ref. Acts 17:24-28). I encouraged her again that if she seeks God with her whole heart, He would be found by her and she could hear from the true and living God if she wanted to. He was only just a prayer away and God is eager for us to talk to Him. **Would you please join me in praying for Seko-sensei's desire to seek the Lord and for her salvation?**

Church Plant Update

[Mustard Seed Christian Church Saitama](#)



only 2 months old and the Lord has blessed us with a new brother in Christ! Through divine appointment, this young man who was wanting to know more about Jesus stumbled across our church. During our very first church service, we offered a First Steps class and upon hearing the gospel, he readily accepted Jesus as his Savior and Lord!

We continue to hold services every Sunday, preaching God's Word and the centrality of Jesus and the gospel in our lives, and offering First Steps for seekers who want to learn more about Christianity. I serve with the First Steps ministry as well as the Worship team, playing guitar and singing.

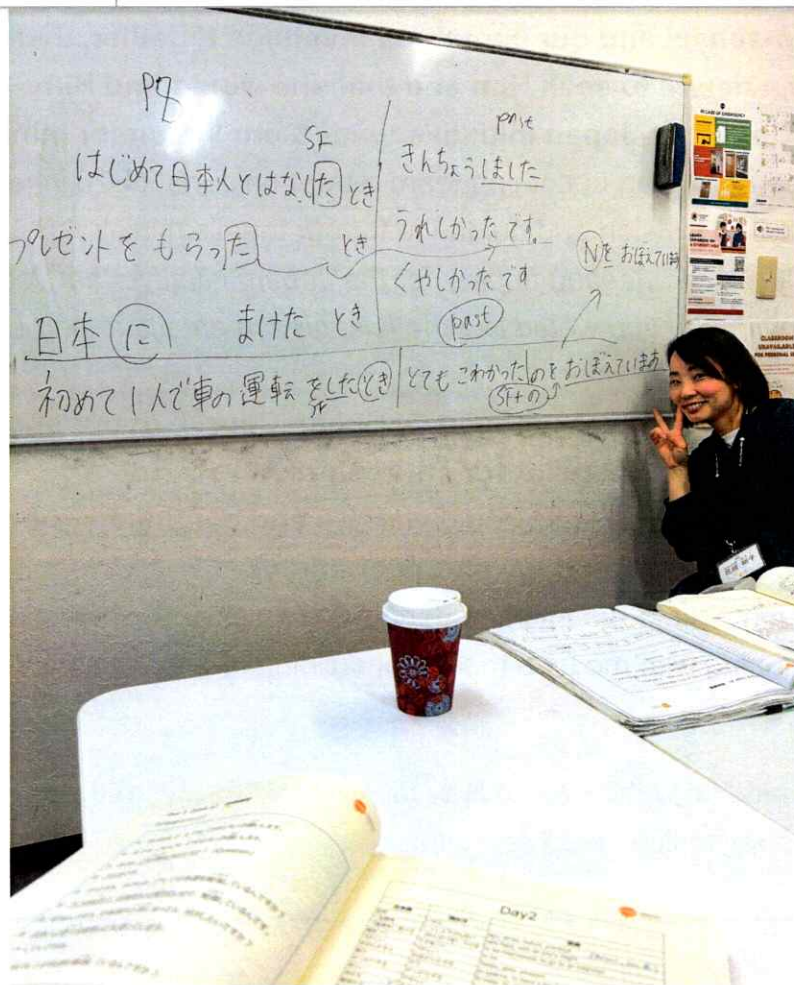


Me leading an English conversation ("Eikaiwa") group during our Thursday night English Connect event.

such outreach that we do is called English Connect (EC). It's a service we offer freely to our community in Saitama to give Japanese students and professionals a chance to practice their English with native speakers. Through this, we've not only been able to build relationships, but also invite many Japanese nonbelievers to church. Last Sunday we connected an EC event with an after service international potluck and many Japanese who had never stepped foot inside a church got to attend. Some even heard the gospel! Thank you so much for praying for this church plant's blessing and growth!

Language Studies Progress

Language learning continues to progress and I'm now in Intermediate 1 class. At this level, my communication has continued to grow and I am able to construct sentences with fewer grammatical errors. When I first arrived I could barely make a full sentence, but now am able to carry on basic conversations and do more daily tasks, like asking a store clerk a question or ordering something on a menu. I truly feel like I cleared a plateau that I was on when I entered into the intermediate level! There have been many victories in language learning! However, I wish I could say that it's been an easy process and that I'm catching on quickly, but I must confess that I struggle with the Japanese language often and can get discouraged easily. In the classroom environment I am more comfortable to try and make mistakes, but in a real world setting I tend to shrink away from conversations due to fear. Would you please pray for my language learning process, that the Lord would give me wisdom for my studies and also help me to overcome my fear of speaking to native speakers in a real world context?



My Intermediate 1 teacher, [Hanagaki-sensei](#), is high energy and hilarious! She usually makes the class atmosphere fun and keeps us motivated on those hard beginning of the week Mondays.

Prayer Requests

Please pray:

- **For my language learning, for wisdom in my studies, fluency, and for courage to speak more with native speakers outside of the classroom.**
- **For Hikaru's salvation. We will be attending a women's retreat this coming weekend, May 31-June 1.**

Would you especially pray for this time and that whatever is blocking her from wholehearted faith, that it would be removed?

- **For Amelie's salvation.**

- **For Seko-sensei and our continued meetings together, that the Lord would give her a desire to seek Him and that she would find Him.**
- **For the Converge Japan Initiative team & our vision for ministry.**

We will be having an upcoming team retreat on June 24-26 where we will pray and seek God's vision and guidance for our team's ministry. *(Also, our team has a monthly prayer meeting to pray for the Japan Initiative that you all are invited to join anytime! If you would like the link, please email me and I can send it to you!)*

- **For God to bless Mustard Seed Christian Church in our efforts to reach Saitama with the gospel & for church growth.**
- **For protection against spiritual warfare and continued good health.**
- ***Praise!* God has healed my shoulder injury!**

I have been able to resume bouldering and have since then invited others to come climbing with me as a means of building relationships and outreach.

Please also let me know how I can pray for you! Hit "Reply" to this email and let me know. I'd be happy to lift you up in prayer.

Thank you so much for reading and for your prayer support! I really cannot express enough how much your prayers mean to me and are effective and working. God bless you!!

-Brit



The Japanese are the second largest unreached people group in the world. Unreached means that less than 1% of the population are born-again Christians. With 123 million in Japan, that's a lot of people who are living and dying without the message of hope and salvation in Jesus Christ. If you would like to partner with me to bring the gospel to the Japanese and reach Japan for Christ, please click on one of the buttons below.

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*"Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." —Proverbs
11:25b*



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The Tate Family

BIMI Missionaries in Honduras since 2000

Jason, Cassy, Matthew, Alejandro, Marjorie



May 2025

Souls Saved!

What a joy it is to see the burden for souls in those where we attend! Moises, a young college and career aged man, was invited to church by his teenage niece. Moises visited the services on a Wednesday evening and walked the aisle during the invitation. One of our deacons was able to take him aside and lead him to Christ! He immediately asked how to grow as a Christian! He has been faithful to all the services over the past few weeks and has had multiple visitors come with him to the services! He is just one of many that has come to know Christ in the past few weeks.



Barnabas Groups

Bethlehem Baptist Seminary Barnabas group has visited the churches that we established in El Paraiso, San Matias, and Ojojona over the past few months. The trip to Ojojona was exciting for the group as they had never visited that church. Pastor Gustavo Silva was excited to see one of our students from a neighboring town as part of the group. Bro. Alex Cruz, a pastor's kid himself, preached the Gospel to the full house at the Light of the World Baptist Church! Please pray as we reach out to help these churches and pray for more laborers in the field.

Family Update

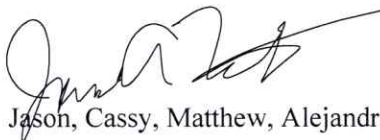
Our oldest son, Jordan, and his wife, Allysa, gave birth to their first child, Susan Renee Tate in April. My wife was able to travel to visit them for a few days and meet her newest granddaughter. We are excited for what the Lord is doing in their lives as they serve the Lord in Greenville, NC.



Please Pray for the Following:

1. Praise the Lord for the 12 saved.
2. For growth for the 10 churches that have been started.
3. For Walter Miranda as he raises support to start a new church in the city of Catacamas. He currently has 44% of his support coming in!
4. For the finances to build classrooms on the conference center property for the Bible college. Praise the Lord for the \$50,000 already given towards this project.
5. Pray for the transportation need in Ojojona. Pastor Gustavo needs a new motorcycle for ministry use. It will cost \$2,000 for a quality bike.

Thank you for your prayers,



Jason, Cassy, Matthew, Alejandro, and Marjorie

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Samuel & Ruth Thomas

Missionaries to Egypt

May & June 2025

Greetings

Dear Pastors, Churches, Friends, and Ministry Partners,

Greetings to every one of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am writing to you from Cairo, Egypt, with a heart full of gratitude. Though we are separated by thousands of miles, your faithful support—both spiritual and financial—has made a significant and tangible impact on the ministry God has entrusted to us here.

Your generosity continues to strengthen the work, enabling us to reach more lives with the hope of the Gospel, and it has been a deep source of personal encouragement to us as well. Please know that your partnership is not only appreciated—it is essential, and we thank God for your ongoing investment in His Kingdom.

About Our Family



"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD," (Pr. 18:22). We are so thankful that our son, Daniel, has found a wife and remarried. Her name is Heidi and she is a real believer.

Unfortunately, we continue to face challenges with visiting Eleanor. However, the court has ruled in favor of Ruth and me, granting us three hours of weekly visitation with Eleanor at the same time as Daniel.

I'm grateful to share that my health has been steadily improving each day since my heart surgery six months ago. Thank you so much for your prayers.

About The Ministry

Dar Al-Salaam Church



Dar Al-Salaam Church is growing, especially among women. However, their pastor, Nabil, has decided to leave and will be starting a new church in the Azbit Al Nakel area. Please pray that he will serve faithfully in this new ministry, and also pray for Dar Al-Salaam Church as they seek a new pastor.

Al- Moneeb Church

We received some financial support from churches in the U.S. for the Al-Moneeb building, and we'll begin completing the construction very soon. Recently, we repaired the gate and installed electricity meters on all floors, which cost around \$500.

Bader City Church

Bader City Church has been growing steadily, creating an urgent need for a private bus to serve the community. We've already raised 1 million Egyptian pounds (approximately \$20,000), but we still need an additional \$15,000 to complete the purchase.

Currently, around 30 families attend our worship meetings, and 15 individuals are part of the discipleship group.

We are still waiting for approval to purchase land from the city authorities. We remain hopeful that we'll be able to build a main facility for the Eternal Life Charity Association.

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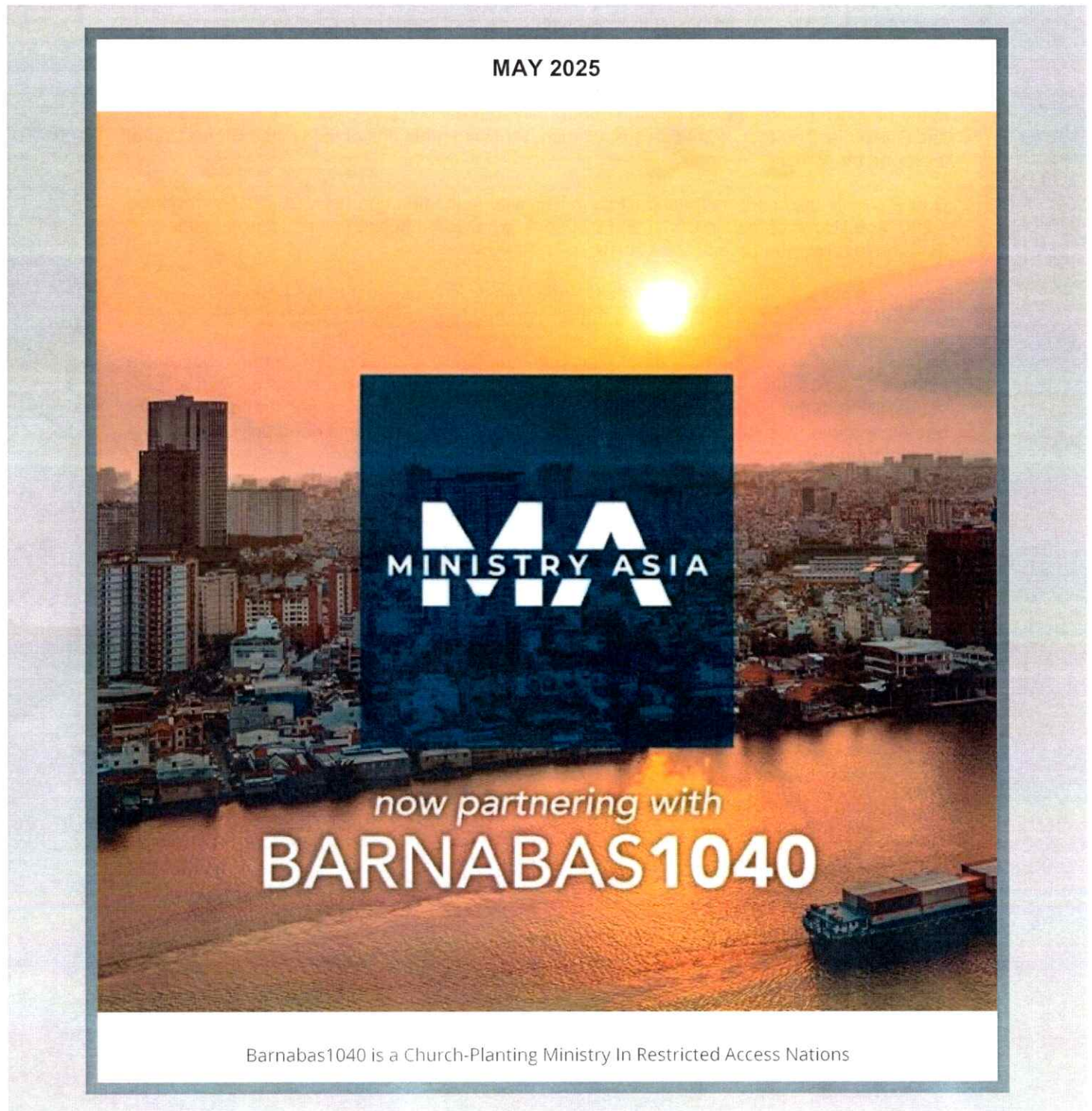
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Visit our Website

I trust this update finds you well. I wanted to touch bases with our friends and coworkers to give you a report on what God is doing through our national pastors who are associated with Barnabas1040.

First of all I want to say thank you to those who have contacted me regarding my recovery from the concussion. God has blessed and I am back on the road again. I appreciate very much your concern and prayers.

In the past two months I have had the opportunity to preach in churches in Florida, Alabama and California. The rest of 2025 is pretty much filled with meetings in the United States and at least one trip to Asia.

God is greatly using our national pastors in SE Asia. In the first quarter of 2025, they reported 1,230 professions of faith in Christ and 221 souls who were baptized as a picture of their decision to follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism is not something that is normally done quickly in Asia. Most of the people trusting Christ in these countries are forsaking the religion that their family has followed for centuries. They are leaving false religions that are engraved into the culture of their family and country. It is often considered a great shame to their family and the entire village to become a follower of Jesus. Also, public baptism can bring great persecution to the new convert as well; especially from the people they love the most. It is not uncommon for wives and children to be beaten and even disowned by the extended family. These dear people need our prayers as they take up their cross and follow Jesus.

As always I want to close this brief report by thanking you for your prayers and financial investment in our efforts to serve those missionaries and pastors who are serving in Asia. I consider it a great privilege that together we can have a small part in what others are doing for our Savior.

God Bless You!

Dwight Tomlinson
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*"The only thing
worse than being
lost is being lost and
no one is searching
for you."*

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Hayley Wade

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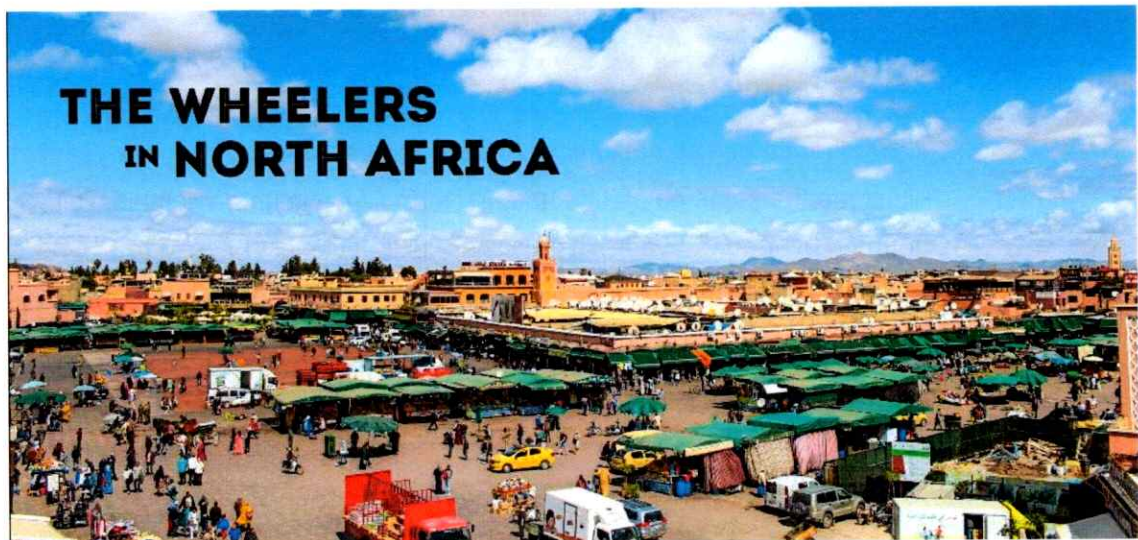
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Exciting news about what God is doing in North Africa...

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For security reasons, please do not to post any thing from this newsletter on the internet. Thank you.

"Well, I didn't expect that." It can be hard sometimes to explain what life is like in this part of the world to someone who has never visited. There are unexpected things that happen to all of us irregardless of where we live, but sometimes it feels as though it happens a lot more often here. It is so common for plans to change and the unexpected to happen that we even hear locals telling each other all the time to just be patient.

For example just two days before Jonathan's parents were coming to visit this year a large excavator working to build a new apartment building next to our house put a 9x3 foot hole in our kitchen wall. After examining the damage and talking to the construction crew we found this so normal at this point that we just laughed at the situation. Amazingly we were able to find some builders who worked after hours for two days (it was Ramadan and short notice) and we were able to get the wall fixed before our family arrived.

Meetings can be planned and no one show up or many more than expected. There are vehicle issues at the worst possible moment. Colds and the flu right at the start of a week of intense ministry work. Unexpected visitors that stay for the whole day when you have many other things planned. Lost passports, disputes we have to help settle between our friends and many other things that we really didn't expect.

We share these stories but we have a hundred others (from this year alone) that could illustrate the same point. Life here in North Africa is unpredictable. But what we have learned over our 13 years of living here is that we just have to trust God. With our house church, with our outreaches, with our family, and the many other ministry opportunities we are involved in, we have learned that we will inevitably get to a point where we will say, I didn't expect that. But this no longer stops us or trips us up. We laugh and carry on because honesty, we are starting to expect it.

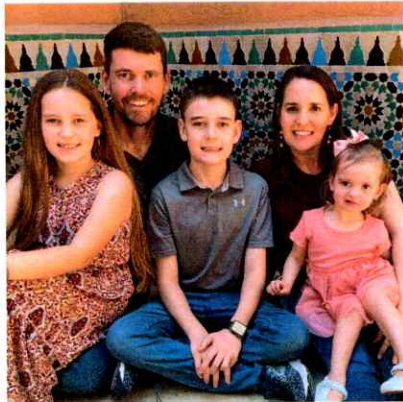
The great thing to this phase "I didn't expect that" is that there are also the positive moments as well. Divinely orchestrated moments where we have opportunities to share the Gospel with people we never thought we'd have. A church member steps up and fills a need that needs to be filled. Opportunities for ministry that we never planned for. And since

we often try and plan for the unexpected when the occasional day, event, or plan doesn't go unexpectedly it makes us step back, smile and say "we didn't expect that."

When we recognize that God is in control, the unexpected parts of life and ministry in North Africa are nothing more than small bumps in the road that remind us to trust even more in our Savior.

We are thankful for each and every one of you. Your prayers, encouragement and support are such a blessing to us.

Serving Jesus,
Jonathan, Holly, Jackson, Saralynn, and Lydia



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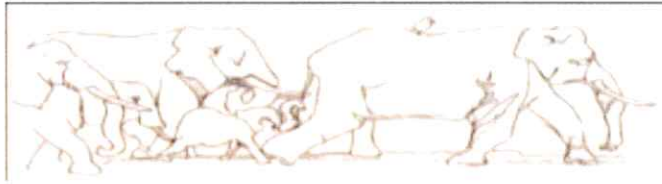
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The Kingdom of Thailand



THOMAS & KANNIKA TUCKER

Dear Pastor and Church,

May - July 2025

The first week of May we planned to teach up north in the mountains of Chiang Rai at Huey Saa Baptist Church. The goal was to teach Old Testament Survey from morning to late afternoon for four days. In an agrarian society planting starts when the rains fall. And the rain came early this year. Preparation was made but we ended up teaching Friday and Saturday as most church members were out preparing their fields. Everyone was here for Sunday services.

Over 10 years ago a young man accepted Christ in our prison ministry. After getting out of prison he attended our church for a while before moving across town to help in another church and going to Bible school. On May 10th Bro. Gan was married and went on staff at the church where the wedding was performed. What a blessing to see God change people's hearts and call them into the ministry.

May 24th we put on an all day English program at the Bangkok Accounting College for over 150 students. We split them into groups and the last hour and a half they interview us (where we are from, family, favorite things, ect..). The last question is, What is the most important decision you have ever made? This is where we tell them the Gospel. Then each group elects one person as their spokesman and we all assemble in the auditorium. The spokesman then introduces the English speaking person of their group going through the interview questions. And the last thing they talk about is the most important decision...accepting Christ as their Saviour. This is repeated another 10 times.

The school even invited us to start an after school English club that meets Monday after school. Around 15 attending regularly. Bro Adam Cottrel and Peach are in charge of this endeavor. Peach is a student at the school who was saved two years ago through this English outreach. Two students from the school have been attending Bro. Adams youth group on a regular basis with their parents coming to the services ever so often. Please continue to pray for this endeavor.

Since June we have had three saved including a Syrian teenager through the Pakistani ministry.

August 11 - 14 we will be working with a medical team (45 doctors and nurses) from the States. We will be in the Province of Surin. We will be helping with the translating and witnessing. Kannika will also be teaching the children each day. There are still many displaced people from the fighting between Thailand and Cambodia in this area. Please pray for fruit from this outreach.



We thank you for your prayers and support.
God bless you all.

Thomas & Kannika Tucker





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May-June 2025

Dear Friends at Pleasantview Baptist Church,

"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Psalm 68:11

On July 10-11, we hosted our fifth *Bible Publishing Summit*. This is a time where we invite those involved in publishing the Word of God to meet together for a time of encouragement, refreshment and seeing how we can help each other. It was a great meeting with good food and fellowship, uplifting singing and challenging messages from Pastor Mark Smith of Tacoma, Washington, and Pastor Edward Barclay from here at *First Baptist Church*. We would like to thank those who attended. You were an encouragement to the furtherance of the Gospel.

In the way of a production update, *Bearing Precious Seed* has printed **7,744,534 copies of Scripture** in **15 languages** so far this year. What a joy it is to see trucks deliver paper, and then watch containers and shipments of Scripture leave the property. Glory to God for His provision and for His Word!

The deal to obtain a **replacement press** for the Didde is almost complete; we hope to have the new press in place by the end of July to mid-August. We would like to thank all those who gave toward this project and need. This will continue to keep the quality of the covers high and should improve the throughput in that process.

Continue to pray for our *BPS* team. One shop worker recently moved to Kansas, and a pressman, Andrew Barbosa, will be starting deputation for the mission field at the end of the year. God has always provided the necessary employees, and we anticipate seeing Him provide in this need.

Also please pray for Hector Jiminez, who runs the *BPS El Paso* ministry. He has struggled with some health issues over the last month. A number of mission teams are scheduled to participate in the *BPS El Paso* outreaches in August, so pray that his health will improve and that he will be able to take care of those coming to visit.

Thank you for your continued involvement in *BPS* and your help to get the Word of God around the World.

Serving Him together,

Al Braley, Director
Bearing Precious Seed
FBC Milford, Ohio



He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

—Psalm 126:6

Fishing has been good!

The Borjas

James, John & Mary

Dear Prayer Warriors,

May – June 2025

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for Gloria and me. Our return to the field after our medical furlough has been very fruitful. We were met with joy and excitement from our church folk and as soon as we got over our jet lag, we immediately jumped into the work. Gloria and I are currently working with 3 families. Six family members have already accepted the Lord as their Savior while the others are still learning and considering. Often we have to go all the way back to Genesis to explain the proof of who God is and the origins of our sinful world before they will even understand their need for a Savior.

I met the **Borja family** at the Saturday market and started witnessing to them as we were eating the goodies we bought there. The dad said that he had “done that” several times before but it never worked on him, however he encouraged his son and nephew to listen carefully. They both prayed and got saved that day! Frank (Dad) is Chamorro and Heather (Mom) is Palauan and we immediately began home Bible studies with them twice a week. I brought another young man from church to be my silent partner and he found it amazing how hungry the whole family was for the Word of God. I reminded him that this is what we’d been praying for. He agreed but sadly admitted that he’d never seen this kind of response. Please keep the Borja’s in your prayers as we hope Frank (the Dad) will understand what he did wrong the many times he prayed as a younger man when “it didn’t work”. Simply put he didn’t get truly saved, yet. Also pray for families like the Borjas who are from two different cultural backgrounds. This makes explaining away their wrong ideas they’ve grown up with seem like a competition in the family (it’s a spiritual battle) with “he says” and “she says” leading to long explanations to help them understand clearly what the Bible says and means.

Here in Saipan, we are trying to get our folk in church over their nervous fear to go soul winning. After dividing everyone into teams of two to three members, we have started going house to house to introduce ourselves to all of the neighbors in our village on the south side of the island. None of our folk are from this area so their inhibitions rose due to the stigma and reputation of the village around us. This is where I met my second family who we’ve started home Bible studies with, **Mary and her family**. She is Catholic but that’s just because the family she’s married into is Catholic and as a lady in a wheel chair she relies on them to take her everywhere. When I showed up, she begged us to come back weekly to help her read and study the Bible. Please pray for Mary, James, John and Mario because all but her were “high” on drugs during our first two visits. Now they’re having a “Custom” for the death of a family member so we won’t be able to return for about 6 weeks. Traditionally lots of people have the names of many of Jesus’ family and followers, but their addictive habits may keep their hearts and minds from truly getting to know Him. Please **pray** for their soberness during the days we visit.

Partners in His our Lord Fishing Grounds,

Terry & Gloria McClure

Terry & Gloria McClure, PO Box 506399, Saipan MP



Leon & Donna Thomas
Missionaries to the Hispanics
North Central Florida
May 2025

Dear Prayer Warriors

Greetings from the Leon Thomas Family. We would like to thank you for your prayer support these last few months. I (Donna) have had some health problems but I seem to be on the mend.

The Lord has been blessing us mightily and the work in the prison is going well. Sometimes we would like to know how much our efforts have grown fruit and Leon received this letter from one of the his prisoners who speaks English and Spanish as well,

attached is the letter he sent us:

Greetings Fellow Brothers and Sisters In Christ:

My name is Juan Cruz and I attend Brother Thomas' weekly Spanish Bible Study at Columbia Correctional Institution. I have been attending his Bible Study for about 3 years now and not only have I learned about God's Word by Brother Thomas verbally teaching it to us but by demonstrating it through his actions and the way he carries himself. Hebrews 13:3 states "continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." (NIV). Whenever Brother Thomas confesses to us that he had a difficult time checking into the prison due to the prison officials or any other mishap, he demonstrates not only humility but patience.

I personally want to thank him and his ministry for the love they show towards us. I also want to thank you on behalf of the Spanish speaking brothers who greatly appreciate Brother Thomas' effort in teaching God's Word in Spanish. That is another way he demonstrates Christ's love toward us.

I myself am very fortunate to be able to speak both languages, that is why I decided to write this thank you letter in English. I hope and pray that this ministry may continue to plant seeds here at the Columbia Correctional Institution and that the Lord may continue to use Brother Thomas as his vessel to bring forth the Good News of Jesus Christ many years to come.

May God bless this ministry with peace and may the Holy Spirit continue to guide it to do his will until our Lord returns.

Thank you for your faithful support,
Leon and Donna Thomas.

Leon & Donna

