



LIFEPOINT

Baptist Church

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH 2021

Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. Jude 3

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The overriding principle for missions at Lifepoint is a desire to share the Gospel. As a church, not only is our intention to provide financial support, but also to have a spiritual and relational impact on our missionaries. We believe that encouraging those who are presenting God's Word enables them to thrive. With that goal in mind, we have created categories to assist us in better managing our time and resources.



AFFILIATES.....1

Affiliates support the advancement of the Gospel. We strongly endorse their efforts in support of local church ministry.

AMBASSADORS.....3

Ambassadors have a significant relationship with Lifepoint Baptist church. These individuals have been members of our congregation and are currently serving the Lord through church planting, the mission field, or as students pursuing full-time ministry degrees. We contact these individuals on a monthly basis and provide a fixed level of financial support.

PARTNERS.....9

Partners are contacted by us on a quarterly basis and are provided a fixed level of financial support.

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Associates are contacted on a semi-annual basis (at minimum) and are financially supported based on the generosity of our church.

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AFFILIATES



9Marks exists to equip church leaders with a biblical vision and practical resources for displaying God's glory to the nations through healthy churches. To that end, we want to see churches characterized by these nine marks of health:

The 9 Marks of a Healthy Church

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| I. Preaching | VI. Membership |
| II. Biblical Theology | VII. Discipline |
| III. The Gospel | VIII. Discipleship |
| IV. Conversion | IX. Leadership |
| V. Evangelism | |



Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation

CCEF works to restore Christ to counseling. Each of us has personal and interpersonal struggles. Jesus Christ knows those struggles, cares about struggler's, and enters in. We see him bring about significant change in people's lives every day. This passion for Christ's relevance in counseling is our heritage and heartbeat.

CCEF works to restore counseling to the church. We believe that the body of Christ is God's primary context for change, the community God uses to transform his people. CCEF's mission is to equip the church to be this kind of transforming community. We see ourselves as an extension of the local church, and we want to serve and promote its ministry. The good news of the gospel is meant to be preached, taught, and counseled with relevance to individual people. Equipping Christians to live, love, and counsel is our goal.



As servants of the Lord, we are committed to helping women and men in crisis because of unexpected pregnancy, those engaged in risky sexual behavior, and those who have been harmed by abortion.



OnePassion Ministries exists to ignite a supreme passion for God and His glory in all people throughout the world. As our name indicates, the strategic goal of this ministry is to enflame hearts with an all-consuming desire for Jesus Christ and His gospel. Our primary aim for believers from every walk of life is that they be revived and emboldened to live exclusively for the greatness of God. This intentional focus is to impart the knowledge of the truth by equipping pastors and church leaders, maturing lay people, and launching a new reformation in the church today.

Most specifically, OnePassion is committed to training pastors in expository preaching that is firmly anchored in proclaiming God's Word. We live in a day in which there is a famine in the land for the hearing of God's Word. In response to this spiritual drought, this ministry is devoted to calling those who stand in pulpits to the high standard of biblical preaching. If we are to see a new reformation in this day, there must, first, be a reformation of the pulpit. Only then can the church experience transcendent worship, authentic godliness, and true evangelism.



The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

For the Truth. For the Church. For the World. For the Glory of God.

Under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the mission of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is to be totally committed to the Bible as the Word of God, to the Great Commission as our mandate, and to be a servant of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Our mission is to make the life-changing wisdom of the Bible understandable and accessible to all. Our vision is to see people of all nations experiencing a personal relationship with Christ, growing to be more like Him, and serving in a local body of His family.

AMBASSADORS

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Carver Learning Center's mission is to make a positive, life-changing impact in our students' lives, and provide them with an appropriate, equitable education.



Lifepoint serves as an encouragement to the students by meeting physical needs such as clothing and food as well as spiritual needs. Lifepoint strives to be an encouragement to the teachers who are faced with the difficult challenges that arise daily.



The mission of the Lifepoint Food Pantry is to respond to God's commandment to love one another. The food pantry has been averaging between 30 and 35 families per month. We have been able to provide assistance with food and also invite many families to church through this Outreach. At the food pantry we don't just provide food. We also try to get to know the clients personally in an attempt to speak into their lives and share the gospel.

Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. – John 13:34 For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. – Matthew 25:35

Lifepoint's partnership with the Shannon Women & Children's Center is to be an encouragement to families and staff in many ways, including but not limited to the following:

- Assist/volunteer with new moms
- Rocking babies in the NICU
- Sitting with sick children
- Organizing birthday parties for pediatric cancer patients
- Baking cookies
- Holding a hand, sharing Shannon Women & Children's Center tears and praying
- Assisting dog therapy with pediatric patients
- Knitting/crocheting blankets booties & gowns for NICU babies
- Sewing/quilting incubator coverlets
- Compiling & decorating patient packets
- Coloring art for pediatric patient doors



BALLINGER, Chris & Stephanie



Spiritual Needs:

- Pray for us, as we leave friends and family behind to move to Ih Uul.
- Pray for us as we move and build new relationships and that God will give many opportunities to share the Gospel.
- Pray for the church in Hatgal to continue to be strong and bold in the proclamation of the Gospel.

This year has felt like 2 years rolled into one! How have you all been? Like everywhere else in the world, this year came with challenges. We started off with a youth outreach in January, which brought a lot of new kids to the church. Then February hit. Our country went into full lock down. Even though there were no cases in the country, all public gatherings were cancelled, and kids under 18 were not allowed to leave their homes. We quickly moved our services online and tried our best to comfort and support those who don't have internet access. In May, we got permission to hold an outdoor public gathering outside of town so that we could ordain Miigaa and call him as the Pastor of our church! Everyone was so excited to meet together again, and we had a really good time celebrating the event. In August, we were able to start meeting again in person, and we also held our annual church camp and baptized 5 people. It was Miigaa's first camp to put together. He is doing a great job!

Over the past couple of years we have been visiting villages in our province who don't have a church plant. One of the villages we prayed over is the village of Ih Uul (Great Mountain). It has about 4100 people, of whom many are herdsmen. We started visiting the village during the summer and started talking to people, including people in the local government offices, just to get a feel for the place. We believe this is where God wants us to move to next, and we have started making preparations to move. God has provided everything we needed for the move: a place to open a branch of our coffee shop, and even for housing! We hope to move sometime in the spring of 2021. We are excited for new opportunities and we are equally thankful for the partnership we have with you, our sending church! God loves Mongolians, and we are honored to serve as His Ambassadors in Huvsgul!

Happy Birthday!

Chris 2/7 • Stephanie 4/4 • Abby 6/20 • CJ 9/19 • Katie 9/16



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AMBASSADOR

HOUSTON, Young
L.A.M.P. (Landmark Missions Projects)



Spiritual Needs:

Pray daily for our Staff, Health, Finances, and all of the Churches

We are continuing to help the Nationals reach their own people with the Gospel and to build their own church buildings. Currently, over 100 churches are established in Malawi and Mozambique since beginning work there in 2000. Each church is pastored by a trained Pastor in the Bible. We have 16 full time Missionaries who are all nationals. Our goal is to continue this process in the 67 countries which we work in until Jesus comes.

*Happy
Birthday!*

Young 7/25



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NICEWONGER, Dani

Student – Boyce College, SBTC



Spiritual Needs:

- That Matthew and I will trust the Lord and His plans for us
- That I would continue to be bold in my faith and rely on the Lord for wisdom and strength
- That I would become more selfless as I continue to serve in the many areas of my church

The Lord has continued to bless me throughout this past year. I finished my internship at Vision of Hope and am now certified in Biblical Counseling through ACBC! I am currently counseling someone and am praising the Lord for the opportunity to do so. I also got married in July, and the Lord has continued to bless Matthew and I as we grow closer together. Matthew has received a paid internship through our church in Indiana, and I am looking forward to helping him with all that entails throughout this next year! We have been involved with the worship team, college group, and nursery at our church and will now be involved with the youth group as well, due to the nature of the internship! Our mission field is currently Kentuckiana, and I seek to spread the gospel through those whom I work with at UPS and those I interact with daily!

*Happy
Birthday!*

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AMBASSADOR

PYLE, Zac & Whitney



Spiritual Needs:

- Naraa's adoption
- Church here in Ulaanbaatar
- People of Mongolia

As I am sure many of you know, this year has not been without its challenges. Mongolia originally put the nation on house quarantine at the end of January until the beginning of July this year. We were able to enjoy some freedom because COVID was not locally being transmitted. Things changed at the beginning of November as people began to get sick, and an even stricter lockdown was reinstated. The lockdown at the beginning of the year and lockdown happening now includes church meetings and gatherings. Despite this hurdle, God is good and in control. We have been encouraged as many in the church have been stepping up to share God's Word online. There are times that God gives us trials and challenges, not to hurt us, but to encourage growth in our lives.

Despite the challenges with COVID, the Manna center workers, Saruul and Munkhuu, have still been able to make and deliver food to the children in Shar- Had. Children are not currently allowed to meet at the center, but because of these two faithful servants of the Lord, the feeding center continues to feed children. We would like to thank the kids of Lifepoint for giving funds to help purchase a small countertop oven and some coloring books for the center. We are praying that the building will reopen, when the Manna kids go back to school in February.

Our family is doing well here. It is crazy to think that we have almost been in the country of Mongolia for five years without a furlough. The kids are growing up physically, mentally (through school), and spiritually. Oakley had been enjoying fencing before the last lockdown, Huxley is learning piano, and Connley is learning to write his letters and numbers. Naraa has continued to thrive in our home in her schooling and in ballet. We have been blessed with some small movement on Naraa's adoption. The Immigration Agency of Mongolia has accepted new paperwork in our request to adopt Naraa. We have been through many interviews, meetings, etc... at this time we are awaiting a signature from the head of immigration to sign off on the adoption. After this happens, we should be allowed to finalize the adoption here in the country. We still have to pay and apply for an American visa; so that, Naraa can come to the U.S. with the intention of becoming a U.S. citizen. When we finish the adoption and get permission (U.S. visa) for her to travel, we have plans to take a furlough. God willing, we will see you all very soon. May God bless us as we seek to glorify Him in all we do.

Happy Birthday!

Zac 12/18 • Whitney 11/08 • Oakley 11/27 • Naraa 4/20 • Huxley 5/08 • Connley 8/26

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ROSE, Rachael *Student – Spurgeon College*



Spiritual Needs:

- Clarity for the Future
- Strength and faithfulness to continually put sin to death
- Missions opportunities and everyday opportunities to share the gospel in Kansas City

Currently, I am attending Spurgeon College at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, MO. I am majoring in Intercultural Studies in the hopes of doing missions abroad, and Lord willing, I will graduate with my degree in May. Last spring, I began working as a security officer on campus; this has been an enjoyable way to serve my professors and fellow students. I am currently

living with a family of six in Kansas City, and I share the third floor with three other college aged girls. There have been various challenges living with this family, but this family opening their doors to me has been such a blessing. As graduation grows near, I find myself thinking about my future often. I have considered pursuing a master's degree, moving to Kansas City, or pursuing a license in counseling. Although I am unsure of what the future holds, I do plan to apply to the Journeyman program with the International Missions Board after I graduate. My desire is to seek the Lord's will and to serve where He would have me. Although I do not yet know where this is, I know the Lord will reveal these things in His timing. There have been many struggles this year; however, the Lord has continued to be faithful to me even when I have failed to remain faithful to Him. The Lord is my fortress, refuge, and continual strength in both good times and bad.

*Happy
Birthday!*

Rachael 7/06



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PARTNER

ALBERT, Greg & Mary



Spiritual Needs:

- For the kids to adjust back to the states and settle into a routine as much as possible during this pandemic.
- Direction for our family and our ministry in Wales. Discernment for travel and ministry. How best to minister to our church family from a distance.
- Our country, Wales, as they go in and out of lockdown. That our church will continue in the truth and be a gospel witness even in lockdown.

We cannot begin to express how grateful we are for Lifepoint being a ministry partner with our family. If you didn't do what you do, we couldn't do what we do! I think we all could agree that 2020 has been a different year. We could never have imagined all that would transpire as we entered 2020. We like many others had a vision for 2020. Who wouldn't play off of this once in a church lifetime opportunity? I think we learned more than ever that our vision isn't always that of the Lords. He had a different plan and we adapted to it! At the beginning of the year, we had a couple ladies accept Jesus as their savior. We were planning discipleship and the ministries we wanted to accomplish in 2020. We had a quick two-month furlough planned to drop off our oldest two sons off at university. Once COVID hit, we found ourselves scrambling to get messages up on the internet and looking for ways to minister while isolating. We recorded messages and lady's discipleship lessons for our church. We started a weekly zoom meeting that is attended by people from all across the states and UK that would normally never attend our Bible study.

One son decided not to go to university, but once we had an open door to return to the states for our son that was going to university, we took it. We are currently in the states for an undetermined amount of time. We are helping our oldest son adapt to the states, and our second son adapt to university. We are remaining available if things change here. We've struggled to get both sons drivers licenses because of COVID. As I write this, I can praise God that they finally got their drivers licenses! We have been ministering to our youngest kids as well. They have struggled being in Wales, and we are focusing on them.

Once again, we cannot thank you all enough for everything you do for our family. We covet your prayers and appreciate your sacrificial giving! May God use us to reach those who need to know Jesus both in Wales and in Texas! Because He lives,

Happy Birthday!

Greg 8/15 • Mary 5/31 • Gregory 6/12 • Gary 4/15 • Madelyn 4/28 • Grant 6/29



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COOLEY, John & Tammy



Spiritual Needs:

- Jamaican hearts to be softened to the Gospel.
- That we would be able to find a permanent place to meet for our ministry.
- That our transition will go smoothly so that we can get our ministry started as soon as is possible.

We have had an interesting year, on top of what COVID-19 has given us. The word “transition” would be an appropriate word to explain the year 2020. After officially finishing our furlough schedule at the end of February, COVID-19 was making its appearance. Because we were forced off of the field by Terrorism, we had some decisions to make and COVID-19 really made that complicated; but after much prayer and research, we decided to move ahead with a field change to Jamaica. We made a three-week survey trip in August (two weeks of quarantine) to become more informed about Jamaica and to travel to the different cities and parishes. We did this for the purpose of looking at some possible places to start our ministry. In September, we were officially approved for our field change to Jamaica and immediately started our paperwork to obtain our work permit visa.

During 2020, we were still involved with several projects in Burkina Faso. We were able to send funds for a new church plant in Tampouy for Pastor Noel, to send funds for a large chicken house in Temsouka for Pastor Roger, and to help Pastor Samuel with resources that he needed in order to establish a small Bible Institute for several young men who wanted to be trained. Pastor Samuel and his congregation also completely finished the walls of a large metal hangar to be used for a larger church building that we had built before we left.

John has also been using this transition time to prepare teaching materials for training in Jamaica. He has been able to find and download over 200 books in PDF format to put on kindles that will be used for training. Tammy has also been working on translating her French lessons that she wrote for the churches in Burkina to English so they can be used in Jamaica for the kid's programs. At this point, we are waiting for our work permit visa to be approved, which normally takes 6-8 weeks. We cannot go to Jamaica as “missionaries”. John must go as a “minister of Religion”, not as a minister as in a Pastor, but as in a head of a department. Our goal is to be able to go to Jamaica by the end of the year, but COVID-19 and the complicated paperwork in another country may delay that. Once we arrive, we will have to quarantine for two weeks, then it is our plan to check out a couple of cites that we have narrowed it down to. We hope to get established as quickly as possible so that we can start our ministry as soon as is possible. We are so thankful for our Lifepoint family and we thank you for your prayers and support.

John 11/23 • Tammy 3/21



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Happy Birthday!

PARTNER

DAVIS, Kevin & Kim



Spiritual Needs:

- Tom and Lindsay (Just got married)
- David and Collette (Restored marriage and continued growth)
- Curtis (Just got saved for growth and discipleship)
- Judie (Salvation)
- Strength for Kim and I as we minister to those with Mental Health problems.
- For our Family Back home in the States.

We can't thank you all enough for all your support these past years. Looking back on 2020 has left us with some unique challenges, blessings, disappointments, and downright heartbreak. We started the year with four people coming to faith in Jesus, getting all the training for the Youth ministry at Chapel, new outreach events in place, when God's divine interruption took place.

So we reset like everyone else and began online services to encourage those coming to chapel. God began to use us again in our local village to minister to those around us. The most important thing was a time out to really seek God. Like it or not God is more concerned with the workman than He is the work. "Be Still and Know that I am God" became a reality.

So we saw what happens when God works. My wife Kim's ministry to the ladies saw a marriage restored, wife and husband saved, back together, keeping Jesus first in their lives. Through a funeral of one of the first young men Kevin lead to the Lord, a brother comes to faith in Christ and is now being discipled. (More on this in the upcoming prayer letter) God is at work opening doors so that we can continue to share Jesus with others. On a personal note we had a lovely wedding for our daughter in November.

Our intentions for the Year ahead are to minister to as many people as we can while we are in lockdown. The government may close Wales well into February as they believe this new strain of Covid19 is more contagious. The way we minister now is through phone calls, walks, internet, and for now we are allowed to hold church services but that might stop soon. We also help the neighbors with collecting meds at the pharmacy and other things they might need. Our prayer is that we will be obedient to Jesus and keeping finding ways to share Him with others.

Happy Birthday!

Kevin 6/22 • Kim 7/04



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HARMON, Max & Debbie



Spiritual Needs:

- We have tickets bought to return to Peru on January 26th after an almost 10 month unexpected and unplanned emergency COVID furlough during which all flights to Peru were halted. Please pray we can return without a lot of red tape.

We have spent the better part of the year with masks on in stateside church services, maintaining contact with our ministry in Peru via ZOOM calls. In Peru Churches were not allowed to meet at all in person from March to November so all of our church services were done live on-stream from the Peruvian pastor's home. Meanwhile Debbie was very faithful to meet and lead ladies meeting via Zoom. Then ending November, they had their first in person church service with lots of restrictions. Pastor Sinti planned and held the first service. Here is how people had to enter the church and they have continued both meeting in person and broadcasting the services (Sunday School then church in the AM & PM services Sunday and Thursday nights plus other meetings) in Zoom and Facebook live and recorded.

Meanwhile, Debbie and I have kept busy here stateside: mostly with mask. I have visited many new churches to us in Maryland and a couple in VA getting to know pastors and putting in their hand's prayer cards and a couple of our letters. In between those visits I also preached in a number of missions conferences mostly in supporting churches in North Adams MA and Webster MA driving there in a snow storm), then in Andalusia IL - with missionary friends we grew up with, I also reported back to a few churches in TX , NH , PA and preached a missions conference in MD.

Our support level has maintained strong over this COVID ordeal. We got to spend holidays with family and I even got to build a snowman outside of Baltimore with my 8-year-old granddaughter. 2020 ended on a very sad note. My niece died in an automobile accident on December 23. The whole family was in the pickup and her husband and two boys ages 12 and 16 all survived. I held the funeral on December 29th outside of Oklahoma City with around 200 in attendance.

Happy Birthday!

Max 11/01 • Debbie 1/04



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PARTNER

HERMAN, Mary



Spiritual Needs:

- *That the pandemic's grip on the world will be broken, and missionaries can return to their countries of service. Pray for God's will concerning my spring service.*
- *That my health and strength will return. I am beginning to feel much better as I am finally able to sleep several consecutive hours. Previously, shoulder pain and seeking a position that brought some relief was hard to come by.*
- *I have several family members who profess to be Christians, but their lives do not back that up. My heart is concerned for them. Please pray that there will be opportunities to speak with them about Jesus – either me, personally, or others.*

Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting me. You have been a blessing! The year 2020 has held its challenges for all of us – especially missionaries!

Fortunately, I was home after a very busy fall 2019 when the pandemic began to build in intensity. As countries closed to visitors, I decided it was an opportunity to get my left shoulder reconstructed. For almost 2 years, I had been living with a severed rotator cuff and other severed or torn muscles and connective tissues. The March 2 surgery was successful, and therapy had been completed; then I fell and the whole process had to be repeated. Thankfully, I have large bones and there was enough bone tissue for 7 more anchors – 12 in all now. I am now doing strengthening therapy, and my flexibility is very good so far. I am so grateful.

I had hoped to leave in August for England where I was scheduled to begin teaching in the Bible College in September. The country was still closed and practicing quarantine, so my teaching time was moved to April. Lord willing, I am planning to go in March and quarantine for 14 days before my teaching time. I am asking the Lord to open the doors; if He does, I will be ready to walk through them. My spring schedule was to include work in Germany, Tanzania and possibly Kenya. I am not sure how much of that can be done under the current circumstances.

As churches began to open again, I have been able to report to 5 churches this fall. I am so grateful to be able to do this. I have been invited to be in 2 more in February.

*Happy
Birthday!*

Mary 12/19



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HOPKINS, Paul & Meagan



Spiritual Needs:

- *Pray for a time of rest and refreshment in the states over the next couple of months.*
- *Pray for wisdom for the right return date for our family.*
- *Pray for the people of Peru that they would be accepting of not only a religious God but a personal Savior, who desires a real relationship with them.*

Wow, what a year 2020 has been for all of us! We pray that you have all seen God still working throughout the year, as we have too. This past year in Peru has been filled with its ups and downs as we have navigated this Worldwide Pandemic with Covid-19. In March, with less than 100 total cases in the country, we were put on an extreme lockdown. Only one adult, at a time, was able to walk to one of three places open: the grocery store, pharmacy/medical clinic, or bank. Our kids were not able to go outside for over 100 days, no cars able to be driven on the roads (what an eerie silence that was when you live on one of the busiest roads in a city of 12 million people!), and military and police enforcing these restrictions everywhere you went.

During this time, we were still able partner with our national pastor to tangibly meet the needs of 100's of families that were not able to work. We sent money to him so he could go to the market to buy food for the families. He then distributed the food as needed. YOU had a part in feeding people like this in a time of an emergency situation. With only 40% of families owning a refrigerator in Peru, there are so many families that are not able to "stock up" on groceries like we do in the states. They live day to day. With no funds coming in from work, this created that emergency need for providing food. It was amazing to see the church as a whole in Peru step up and provide this need for thousands of people.

Most recently, we experienced the process of having THREE Presidents within ONE week. When Congress decided one night to immediately vote out the President who has been navigating the Covid crisis, the people became extremely angry and hurt. The people took to the streets, including the road on which we live. We saw thousands upon thousands of people protesting right below our apartment. When things started getting worse, with rubber bullets flying and tear gas dispersing the crowds very close to us, we decided to move up our timeline to come home for a visit to see family. We packed up our apartment in two days, moved things into storage, and got on a flight home a couple days later.

We are taking a couple of months to process everything that we have been through and refresh with our family and in the Lord. Would you pray with us about this? Thank you for all of your prayers and support for our family and the country of Peru! We are always thanking the Lord for you and lifting you all up in prayer as well.

Paul 8/29 • Meagan 11/22 • Sarah 9/29 • Brooke 5/15 • Maggie 10/17

Happy Birthday!



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PARTNER

KENNEDY, Tate & Nicole



Spiritual Needs:

- Our prayer requests really center around prayers for these people who are very close to following Jesus. We won't share names for privacy reasons, but please pray for the people of the Czech Republic.
- Please also pray the borders would open soon. Our children have not seen their grandparents or any other family for over a year. They are really beginning to struggle with that, so please pray for our children.
- Pray that things would open back up and we would be able to begin meeting together as a group.

Our family wants to say thank you for your continued support for our ministry here in the Czech Republic. We know this has been a very challenging year for so many but having your continued support during even a difficult time all around the world means so much.

This past year, we finished up our daily language school studies and moved on to weekly tutoring. Since the Czech language is listed as one of the most difficult languages in the world for native English speakers to learn, we will continue to work on it and use the language for the next few years. Learning language has been a really important way to get into the community and reach people.

In the past year, we moved out of the main city of Prague into a smaller village. Doing this has given us a better ability to meet people and more opportunities to get involved in the community. We are still able to drive into the capital city to continue the relationships we started there.

Our ministry has been meeting weekly with individuals and families even through the Covid pandemic. As we are writing this, we are currently in the highest level of lockdown and are only allowed to meet with one person at a time. It limits what we are able to do; but multiple times a week, we are meeting with people in their homes, out in nature, and in our home as well. No restaurants or rental locations are allowed to be open; so, our church has not been allowed to meet in a facility. We have seen many people this last year come to learn who Jesus is and begin reading the Bible. This is so huge here because being a Christian is one of the strangest things you could do. Remember, in the Czech Republic, only 1% of the population claims to know and follow Jesus. We are so thankful for the opportunities God has given our family to meet so many people and begin the foundation for our church here in the Czech Republic.

This next year so many of our goals and plans will obviously depend on what happens with the lockdown, but we will keep praying and keep planning. Our plan is to begin meeting weekly for church, a women's bible study, and children's club as well. We will be hosting a VBS style camp in our village this next summer. We would like to pick back up teaching conversational English as well.



Tate 5/12 • Nicole 7/30 • Lily 4/08 • Ryder 10/15 • Brie 1/07 • Maizey 7/16

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Happy Birthday!

ROGERS, Jaron & Nicki



Spiritual Needs:

- Please pray for Kevin Matus, Pastor Chepe's son. He is gravely ill currently and needs our prayers.
- Pray that God would give us wisdom to navigate church planting under new circumstances.
- Pray for safety and wisdom due to the current political climate in Nicaragua.

Hello! First of all, we are Jaron and Nicki Rogers; I'm sure you remember our three girls, Noelia (8 years old), Evalie (5 years old) and Minnie (3 years old). We are very excited to announce the upcoming birth of our fourth child, baby Jack. Secondly, we want to express how thankful we are for your church and your commitment to reach the nations with the Gospel. We know that you are a church seeking to be faithful and fruitful for God's glory, and we are so thankful to be working alongside you.

Since our last update, a lot has transpired. Many of the open doors into peoples' home and outreaches that we were doing in La Concepcion have been closed due to COVID. It has affected us uniquely in that we did not have a building, and our regular meeting place was in a restaurant. There are still people that we have contact with and to whom we are ministering, but we are sad to have lost touch with many people. We are thankful as well for the opportunity that God has given us to reassess and plan for how we will continue ministry in La Concepcion. This situation has also burdened us to look for other open doors and opportunities to share the Gospel.

We are pleased to report that the church plant in Ticuantepe, that we helped to start from 2013-2015 is doing well and growing even in the midst of COVID. Just recently they baptized a number of people in Lake Nicaragua and have grown both numerically and spiritually. We take no credit for this, as God has largely worked through His faithful servants Alex and Marjorie, but we want you to know because you were a part of this church plant!

Happy Birthday!

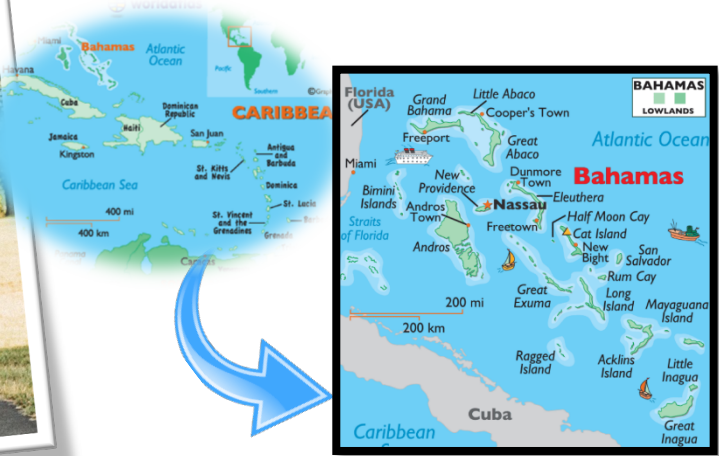
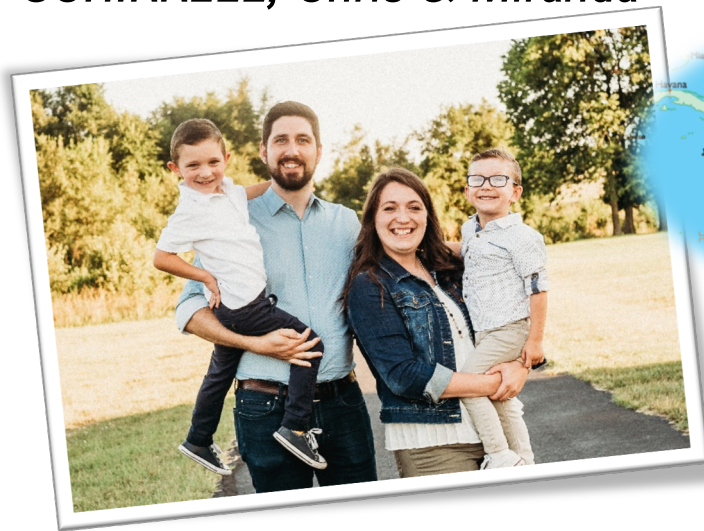
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Spiritual Needs:

- Please, pray for our hearts, that we would continue to press forward diligently in our language studies, as well as other spiritual and academic preparations we are making.
- Please pray for our family, that our relationships with one another and with the Lord would be greatly strengthened as we prepare for a difficult transition into isolation and loneliness in a new country.
- Pray for the people of Japan, that God would prepare those who will hear His Word through this ministry that He has given to us. We desire that many would hear the Gospel, come to a deep knowledge and understanding of it and of their sinfulness before a holy God, repent and receive newness of life, to live for His glory alone.

In a year that has been so unpredictable, we are so thankful to God for you and your faithful prayers and support. 2020 was supposed to be the year that we moved to Japan, but instead turned into the year of learning to deepen our faith and trust God and His sovereign plan. As we await the time when we can finally depart, God has provided many opportunities for His glory. The BBFI Missions office has agreed to approve us as Career Missionaries in 2021 upon completion of our TEAM missionary program, which, for the meantime, has been allowed to take place stateside in our sending church until the Lord allows an opportunity to move to Japan. If the opportunity arises, we are still ready to depart and move to Japan at a moment's notice.

A few things have to happen in order to go: first, we have to get visas. This is a long process that we had already begun and was nearly completed in March 2020, until the Japanese government put a stop to all new visas. We now have to start the process over from scratch when we receive the green light to submit applications. Second, a Japanese national pastor and his church have taken us under their wing, to mentor us as we prepare for church planting in Japan. They are not yet prepared to receive us at this point due to fears of the pandemic but have mentioned that they should be ready in April 2021. The Japanese government will not allow us into the country long term without a willing and able recipient. Third, we have to receive extensive testing to show the Japanese government that we will not be bringing COVID-19 into Japan. Along with this, we are required to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. We are working out the logistics on this since we do not yet have housing in Japan. As you can tell, we have a lot of work to do, but we are trusting in the Lord to bring us to Japan in His perfect timing.

We cannot express enough, the gratitude of our hearts as we receive your prayers and support, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. We rejoice, and encourage you to rejoice, now and always, knowing that times of pressure produce steadfastness in those who are in Christ. We have committed to spend time in prayer for you, regularly, just as you continue to pray for us. May the grace of our God and Father through Christ Jesus find you walking in joy and peace.

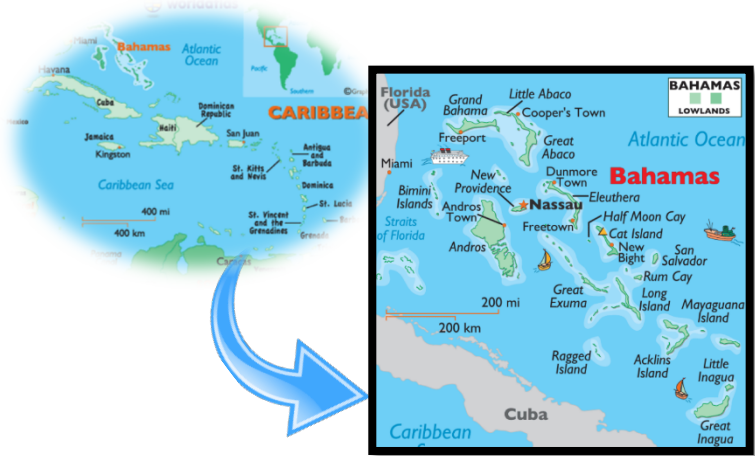
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Spiritual Needs:

- **CHAMPS COMMUNITY CENTER.** We are in need of 300 chairs for the center. In April, we are prayerfully beginning a weekly church service and will need chairs. The chairs cost \$25 a piece. Please pray we will be able to have enough chairs before April 1.
- **MISSION TRIPS.** For over 25 years we have led close to 4,000 people on mission trips. We find these trips help our churches in many ways. Also, it changes and challenges those you travel with us to see others in a different mindset. We hope that we will be able to resume leading groups to one of the Caribbean countries.
- **PERSONAL.** We have 2 grandchildren with radial aplasia in both arms (they are brother and sister). April 1, they will be having both of their arms lengthened at the same time. This will be a 5-6-month process. We are asking for you to pray the surgeries will go well, there will be minimal infections, and both children will receive a great amount of lengthening.

Greetings from the Caribbean!!! These are the days of uncertainty and yet God has been faithful all this year in the Caribbean. Many of our countries still have their borders closed. Some are opening up with a few new regulations. Fran and I are very excited about what God has been doing this year with your prayers and financial support:

THE BAHAMAS. We are finishing the Champs Community Center. The Falcon Boys Club will be able to start meeting soon. Every week we have over 100+ boys that we mentor to be better young men (meeting has been suspended until the government allows us to meet in a group). Most of them come from a single parent home. This means the majority do not have a dad or good male example in their lives. Some of the boys have dads at home, but they do not engage with their sons. We were able to assist 70 boys with android tablets to help in their viral school lessons.

HAITI. Pastor Macly Payoute is being used by God to keep the ministry moving. This year the orphanage built more rooms onto the building that was built for them. The school enrollment has grown from 50 to over 150 in one year. The church is growing in great numbers. Pastor Mac experienced to adjust some of the ministry because of the Covid-19; but, now, everything is almost back too normal. This year, because of faithful donors like you, all 150 students will receive new school supplies for the entire year. How excited they were when they received their supplies.

JAMAICA. We had a team planned to travel to Black River Jamaica and build a Little Blue House for a family in need of housing. Because of the COVID, we had to postpone their coming until 2021. Pastor Godfrey Watson was disappointed but knew the reason of their postponement. Pastor Godfrey and Spicegrove Baptist Church have had to follow the regulations of no more than 10 inside the church at one time. So, he placed a large speaker on top of the church building to broadcast his sermons. People within a 2-mile radius can hear the weekly service.

TRINIDAD. Pastor Wade and his church have become very creative with media to keep the messages going forth. They have now been able to have a few people for in person services. Pastor Wade now has online devotions 3 times a week as well as the church service and Sunday school online for those who will log in.

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“The rulers, elders and teachers of the law called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.” (*Acts 4:18*)

There are countries where it is not possible for an expatriate (or foreign) missionary to get a visa. There are countries where church activities are greatly restricted and some countries where open evangelism by Christians is completely prohibited. Churches in areas where they have to meet in secret are sometimes referred to as Underground Churches. Some people have been tempted to think these countries – many of which have Islamic governments – are unreachable. While fulfilling the Great Commission in those countries can be challenging, it is not impossible. Closed to missionaries does not mean closed to the gospel, and that’s where the phrase “creative access” is utilized. The following missionary families serve in Creative Access Nations around the world and so information about them is sensitive.

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the FERNANDEZ family

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16 WAYS TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

- 1) **Pray that they would be confident in God's Word (*Acts 13:4–5*)**
Missionaries are sent not just to learn culture or do humanitarian relief but to confidently proclaim the Word of God.
- 2) **Pray that they would be filled with God's Spirit (*Acts 13:6–9*)**
Believers already have the Holy Spirit in them, but at times the Spirit fills someone in a special way to enable him or her to proclaim God's Word.
- 3) **Pray for their victory in spiritual warfare (*Acts 13:10–12*)**
When our brothers and sisters take the gospel into the nations, they are going into a war. The devil is dead set on destroying souls and diverting mission.
- 4) **Pray for their success in gospel witness (*Acts 13:12*)**
Pray that many would come to know Christ in all walks of life from the faithful witness of our missionaries.
- 5) **Pray for peace with other believers (*Acts 13:13*)**
Satan attacks from all angles, both inside and outside. Pray for peace within families, in marriages, with children, and with companions and ministry partners.
- 6) **Pray for favor with unbelievers (*Acts 13:14–15*)**
Nonbelievers are blind to the gospel, and many are violently opposed to its message. Pray that missionaries would find favorable opportunities to share the gospel with them.
- 7) **Pray that the gospel will be clear through them (*Acts 13:16–47*)**
Although cross-cultural communication is difficult, pray that missionaries, by grace, would clearly communicate the character of God, the sinfulness of man, the sufficiency of Christ, the necessity of faith, and the urgency of eternity.
- 8) **Pray that God will open hearts around them (*Acts 13:48*)**
God alone draws people to himself. Pray that he will open hearts and minds to believe and be drawn to eternal life with Christ.
- 9) **Pray for their joy in the midst of suffering (*Acts 14:1–2*)**
Missionaries often face various forms and levels of suffering in their work. Pray that they would experience the joy of intimacy with Christ in the midst of it.
- 10) **Pray for their kindness in the midst of slander (*Acts 14:1–2*)**
Though missionaries face suffering and difficulty, pray that the character of Christ and the power of his Spirit enable them to respond with grace.
- 11) **Pray for supernatural power to accompany them (*Acts 14:3*)**
Pray that missionaries would speak the Word with boldness and that supernatural power would accompany its proclamation.
- 12) **Pray for Christlike humility to characterize them (*Acts 14:4–18*)**
Pray that missionaries would overcome the temptation to be prideful in their work by the power of the Spirit.
- 13) **Pray for their patience (*Acts 14:8–18*)**
Missionaries face ups and downs and wins and losses in their work. Pray that they might respond with longsuffering.
- 14) **Pray for their perseverance (*Acts 14:19–20*)**
In 2 Corinthians 4:8–9 Paul wrote, "We are . . . struck down but not destroyed." Pray for missionaries to persevere through setback after setback, beat down after beat down, and struggle after struggle.
- 15) **Pray that God would use them to make disciples (*Acts 14:21–23*)**
Pray that missionaries would see fruit in their ministries as they seek to make disciples among the nations.
- 16) **Pray that God would use them to multiply churches (*Acts 14:24–28*)**
Pray for the multiplication of churches filled with people who know the Word led by pastors who teach the Word.



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