

For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations - Malachi 1:11











# LIFEPOINT

Baptist Church

## 2023 Missions Report

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.

The mission's ministry of Lifepoint exists to encourage our members to be involved in the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-39) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) given to us by Jesus. We desire everyone have an opportunity to hear the Gospel and that it is our mandate, to take the message of Jesus Christ to the people of San Angelo, TX, the United States, and across the globe. It is the desire of our church to help every member be involved in missions through: prayer, giving, personal evangelism, and going.



# 16 WAYS TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

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- 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.



# 16 WAYS TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

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- 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.



# BALLINGER, Chris & Stephanie **Mongolia**



Hi Lifepoint family! We moved to a new town in our province called Ih Uul, in December of 2021. We are getting to know our neighbors and other local business owners and leaders. CJ has been a huge help as we build our home and the new coffee shop. We get a lot of visitors who are curious about the foreigners who moved to town, and they are very interested in how we build and finish the building. In 2023 we plan to open the shop and will continue to host our new friends and neighbors at our home. Pray that God will use our conversations to point people to the Saviour!

Abby has graduated from Highschool, and has started her first year at BBC in Springfield, MO! She is studying Missions and Nursing. We are so proud of her and can't wait to see where God uses her in the future!

Here are some ways you can pray for us this year:

- Pray for the salvation of our neighbors, Dashdorj, Enkhee, Tumnee, Tuminulzii, Munkhuush, Udvaltsetseg, AB, Altanhuundag and his wife, Naraa Egch and her granddaughter, Suvdaa.
- Pray for Miigaa as he grows and develops as the Pastor of the church in Hatgal. Pray for God's leading in his life, family, and ministry.
- Pray that God will give us favor with the local leadership.
- Finally, pray that God will bless the coffee shop as we work to build a community that connects people to faith in Christ.

*Happy  
Birthday*

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



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# CARTER, Jim & Becky **Alaska**



Dear Lifepoint,

The last several years have been both challenging and filled with blessings. We have sought to be faithful to the Lord's calling in preaching the Gospel and feeding the sheep in our charge. The pandemic and resulting insecurities presented the greatest challenge for us in getting the Word out. But, like so many churches did, we remained flexible and adapted to the situation by holding both in-person and online services. I am amazed at how the Lord worked through adversity to save those who felt the burden of their sin and to strengthen His people through uncertain circumstances. We even baptized several new believers.

We are now facing the reality of age and the toil it takes. The Lord reminds us that age is a blessing, and it is indeed. But, with that age comes, well, an aged body. Through the years, you all have been so very faithful to the ministry the Lord has given us. You are part and partner with the victories which have been won, the souls that have been saved, and the lives that have been changed. How could we ever thank you for such unwavering faithfulness to the Lord? "Thank you" doesn't seem like enough. We praise the Lord for His goodness shown through your faithfulness. Please pray for the following this upcoming year...

- Healing and stabilization for Becky's eyes.
- A diagnosis and plan for Jim's right hip.
- Direction from the Lord for the next step of our ministry.

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# COOLEY, John & Tammy **Jamaica**



Dear Lifepoint,

Greetings! We want to thank our Lifepoint family for praying for us over this past year and for your faithfulness in giving to missions. We have had some ups and downs this past year but we had confidence in every situation, knowing that people were praying for us.

We made it through the COVID lockdowns and still struggled to get people to come to church in Ocho Rios. An opportunity came along for us to make a move to Mandeville and help a church previously started by a missionary and the church had been struggling to survive for the past almost six years without a pastor. The Lord helped us to graciously end our ministry in Ocho Rios and make a smooth move to Mandeville to begin a new journey.

The work at Grace Baptist Church in Mandeville has been a challenge and a joy, but we have found that no matter what part of Jamaica that you are in, it is hard to get people to church. I am sure that Lifepoint has encountered the same problem in San Angelo as more and more seem to have a disinterest in true Christianity. We need each other more than ever before. We had a big blessing with a young man, O'Neil, making a decision to give his life to Christ in October and then recently getting baptized. What a blessing to be part of the family of God! Please continue to pray for the Cooleys, we need it!

- Pray for more opportunities to preach the Gospel.
- Pray for trusted contractors to do much needed updates to the church property.
- Pray for physical health and energy to do the ministry

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## FEY, Betty **New York City**



Thank you, Lifepoint Baptist Church, for your faithful prayers and partnership. I wrapped up my deputation and signed the lease on my own apartment in the city this summer. I have enjoyed getting acquainted with my new community over the last several months. Ministry at Connect Rockaway Beach Church and Connect Rego Park Church are in full swing. At Connect Rockaway Beach Church I am serving in the kids ministry and discipling women. I continue to meet with Princess and just recently started meeting with her daughter Sania. It has been a joy to see Princess take steps to grow in grace. I recently connected with three more women who started attending faithfully since we started a nursery ministry. I am praying for opportunities to begin discipleship with them. At Connect Rego Park Church I am also serving in our kids ministry and discipling women. We spent last year building relationships in the community and plan to officially launch the church this year. In addition to meeting families in the park this summer, we hosted two kids events in September and December. I have been meeting with five ladies to study God's Word together on Tuesday evenings. I find great joy in studying God's Word with other ladies and pray for many more opportunities to do so in 2023. Please pray for the following...

- Opportunities to disciple more women this year
- Ministries at Connect Rockaway Beach Church
- Ministries at Connect Rego Park Church

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Betty Fey 5/26

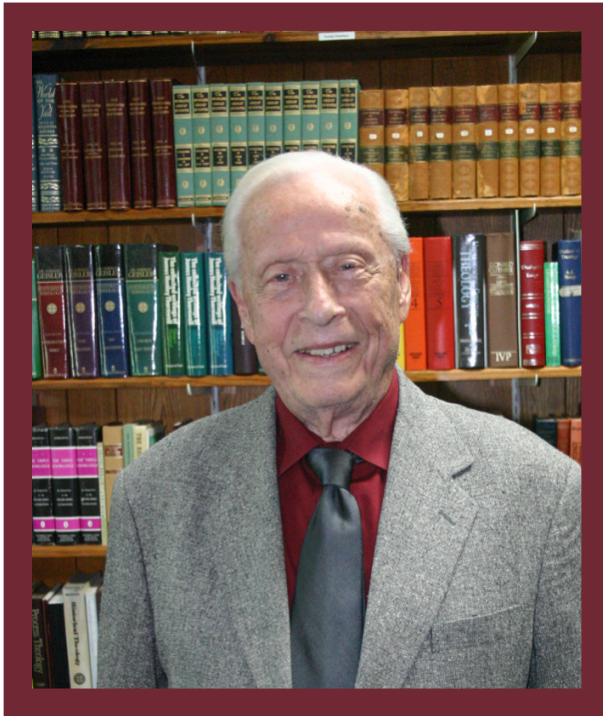


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# HOUSTON, Young

## L.A.M.P (Landmark Missions Projects)



Dear Lifepoint,

Landmark Mission Projects and Landmark Baptist Seminary are both going strong. The Lord is still blessing. We are continuing to help the Nationals reach their own people with the Gospel and to build their own church buildings.

Dr. Houston is 96 years old. However, recently we made a trip to Malawi, a work that Dr. Houston was instrumental in starting, for a Bible Conference. There were 116 of the Malawi pastors and missionaries in attend. From the data we gathered there are 214 established churches and 70 mission churches. New works are being started each month. Please pray for the following...

- Bro. Houston, Archie and Evelyn's health
- All of the Churches

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Young Houston 7/25



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# HUNTER, Blake & Megan **Cape Town**



Lifepoint Baptist Church,

We are taking a short furlough October 2022 through the beginning of January 2023. God has blessed our travels and allowed us to pick up a few additional supporters! We are so thankful for this. We have also had some good time with family while in the States. Meanwhile, our Sunday group in Cape Town is still meeting under the leadership of one of our members. We are so thankful for he and his wife being willing to carry the group while we are away. When we return in January, we will meet together in our home for a few weeks before making the move to a hotel conference room. This will be a big change for us, but we will be able to accommodate around 100 people there as we have outgrown our small apartment for church. We are so excited about getting back and transitioning to the hotel! Please pray that everything goes well with this transition! We also have a new missionary family joining us in 2023! Tom and Tiffany Depew along with their 4 children will be moving to Cape Town, Lord willing, in April or May 2023 to join our missionary/church-planting team. This is a huge answer to prayer! We can't wait to have them join us and help reach more people with the Gospel.

- Please pray for the Depews as they prepare to move to Cape Town!
- Please pray for our many lost friends that God would speak to them, and they would open to the Gospel. Pray for our church group as we transition from our apartment to the hotel. Pray for the Depews as they await their visa approval and finish raising the final support they need to move to Cape Town.

*Happy  
Birthday*

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## KENNEDY, Max & Jennifer **Nicaragua**



Dear Lifepoint Baptist Church,

God has blessed our ministry in Nicaragua and we now have three church plants happening at the same time! Our first church plant in downtown Estelí is doing well. In September, we installed the Nicaraguan Pastor. He and his wife both came to the Lord in our ministry, Jennifer and I have discipled them and now they are in seminary continuing to learn and grow. They have seen dozens of people come to the Lord in the past 6 months.

Our second church plant is outside of Estelí in a community called “Villa Sandino”. 30-40 people meet each week and we are still searching for land to purchase to build a church building.

Our third church plant is about 1 and a half hours from Estelí in a remote mountain village called “La Puerta”. We purchased land and plan to construct a church building there in the coming year. This remote community has absolutely no gospel preaching church in it and there are about 3,000 people throughout the 5 communities that are all in walking distance to the property we purchased.

Please be in prayer for our seminary which will start again in February. We are praying that more men and women who have received God’s call to ministry will join us as we continue to train future pastors and pastor’s wives. Also, please continue to pray for our safety and health as well as our residency process. We have submitting all the paperwork to the Nicaraguan Government and are just waiting for approval.

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Birthday*

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# KENNEDY, Tate & Nicole Czech Republic



Hello, LifePoint Baptist family. We are the Kennedy family and are your missionaries serving in the Czech Republic. Our ministry has been meeting in a space in Prague and having success in different activities and gatherings. This past week we had an event where we hosted 26 people. Game nights, English conversation, mom groups, and Bible studies are our main focuses at the moment. We have hopes that God will continue to bless our time here in the Czech Republic and open many more opportunities to love people the way Christ loves people. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Three prayer requests for this next year are..

- That God will protect our family from lies and attacks from the enemy. To encourage us and make us stronger than ever.
- That God will show us the ministries that are most important and guide the right people to us.
- That the people we have already built relationships with would begin to pour into other people and the ministry will be strengthened through them.

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## LILES, David & Tonya Peru



Dear Prayer Partners,

We are David and Tonya Liles and 2023 marks our 29th year as missionaries to Peru. David is the Seminary Director of the Bible Baptist Seminary of Lima as well as one of the Pastors at New Life Baptist Church of Mayorazgo in Lima. David and Tonya both teach at the Bible Seminary, and they minister to marriages and families as counselors and conference teachers. Tonya writes Sunday School curriculum for Editorial Sembrando, a Christian publishing company that was started by one of seminary graduates. David writes daily devotions and publishes on various social media channels on the subjects of personal purity, and being servants of the Lord. Things that you can pray for us in 2023 are...

- That God would increase our impact and influence as teachers and writers for His Glory.
- That God would send more laborers to work with us in His Harvest.
- That God would increase the enrollment at the Bible Baptist Seminary.
- That God would provide for the financial, physical and spiritual needs of the professors and students who are already working with us and studying at the Seminary.
- That God would provide for the upkeep and infrastructure of the 50 year old Seminary buildings that need constant work, especially since we are located in an earthquake zone.
- That God would direct us as we broaden our course of studies at the Seminary to include a bachelors degree in Christian Counseling and develop a pathway for Masters and Doctoral Ministry students who will be the future Ministers of South America.
- That God would protect us as we minister in an increasingly dangerous city.

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## LONG, Phil & Vala **Madagascar**



Hello Lifepoint Baptist Church! It has been a huge year for us. In May, Vala and I began our first furlough and brought our youngest son back to the States for his first year of college. When we return to Madagascar this December, we will begin to work on our second church plant. As you probably already know, we partnered with another missionary to start our first church plant. In three years we have seen people saved, baptized, and discipled. Vala and I, as well as our missionary partners, have wanted to instill in the DNA of this church to be a reproducing church, so Vala, our Malagasy team, and I are going to lead by example and be sent by our first church to another part of town to begin our second work. In order for this to happen, we needed to train Malagasy workers to take our place in ministry. We are excited to report that those workers have been trained and have been in place since April before we left for furlough and they are doing great. Thank you so much for your support over the last several years. We are excited for what God is going to do in Madagascar this next year.

- Please pray for us as we begin laying the foundation for our second church plant, specifically that we can find a place to begin meeting.
- Please pray for more missionaries. We are asking the Lord to send 7 church planting missionaries in the next 5 years. We are an island about the size of Texas with about 28 million people and very few missionaries. Of those few missionaries, there are only 7 church planting missionary families that we know of. In the last 4 years we have seen more missionaries leave than come to Madagascar.
- This year we will have to renew our visas to stay in country. Please pray for everything to go smoothly and possibly a way for us to get visas longer than 2 years.

*Happy  
Birthday*

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## MCCOWN, Tim & Janelle **Japan**



Hello Lifepoint! By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we have been ministering to our urban (by American standards) community in Japan since 2017. Within ten miles of where we live there are 1.7 million people, and more than 99% of them have never heard the good news of the person and finished work of Christ for their salvation. We started teaching the Bible to several individuals in 2018, and in Summer 2019 we started having weekly services in our living room. We organized as a church shortly thereafter and continue to meet for weekly church services. We praise God for the obedience to Christ and His Apostles' commands that we have seen among those we are discipling, and we anticipate seeing the many ways in which God continues to shape them more and more into the image of Christ. During the week, we continue to conduct community outreach through teaching English as a Foreign Language and building relationships to gain trust as a means to teach them about Christ from the Bible. Please continue to pray for our ministry in Japan.

- That God would draw people in our community to himself through the preaching of Christ.
- That God would grow his church that meets in our home more into the image of Christ.
- That God would multiply Christ-centered congregations in our city for his own glory.

*Happy  
Birthday*



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# MINTON, Ron & Nancy **Ukraine**



Dear Lifepoint,

We are Ron and Nancy Minton, your missionaries to Ukraine and we wanted to send a note about what you are helping us do, by the wonderful grace of Jesus. We are sent out by Community Baptist Church in The Woodlands, Texas. Our work is focused on helping Community Baptist Church and other partnering churches fulfill the great commission. The main way we do this is by using International Baptist Bible College. The body of students are trained to serve God and start churches. This has proven very productive. We also work with our Ukraine and other country leaders to manage the day to day details and admin. We will move the college offices to a better and safer city if needed. Our students have started many churches in Ukraine and a few other nations. We have classes in Poland, Guatemala, Armenia, and are starting in Estonia.

We have several evangelistic goals. We teach and preach in local churches and we have helped distribute many thousands of Russian Gospel of John/Book of Romans combined. We plan to continue to win and train Ukrainians to be more involved in Church Leadership and evangelism. We actively seek to win Ukrainian children and their families to Christ. The main way we do this is by using our annual ten-week Summer Evangelistic English Clubs. Please pray for the following this year...

- Nancy's health - she uses a breathing machine at night.
- Safe travels on the winter roads in the USA and in Ukraine, etc. as we travel.
- Ron to have a biblical perspective on all the decisions we make

*Happy  
Birthday*

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# O'GRADY, Corey & Kaylee **Amsterdam**



Dear Lifepoint,

Thank you so much for your support over the last year. As it has been for many across the world, 2021 was quite challenging for us. Through it all, God was kind and gracious. We saw three baptized, over fifteen people join as members, and more than thirty participants in our discipleship institute. We praise God for these things. All of this happened amidst regularly changing health and meeting guidelines in the Netherlands. I am so thankful for the way that our church has responded through it all. The saints have been faithful, but they are also tired. We are striving to find our rest in Christ, not our circumstances. Thank you again for your support both financially and in prayer. Churches like yours are a gracious blessing from God! Please pray for the following...

- Pray for men who can be trained and serve as elders.
- Pray that the church will not grow weary in doing good amidst difficult circumstances.
- Pray for God to open more doors for gospel conversations with those in our city.

*Happy  
Birthday*

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# PINE, Kevin & Sarah **England**



Dear Lifepoint,

We are here in Telford England. New Life Baptist Church officially chartered July 2022 which has been a huge blessing to finally see this happen. We continue to work to disciple and reach people in the community. We also continue to work with Baptist Bible College of Great Britain where we are on the admin team and I also get to teach a few classes. George one of the college students is half way through his final year of college. We are not sure what his plans are after college but we are working to help him develop as a minister and preacher. Our children both continue to love school and we are very thankful for them.

Prayer request for the upcoming year...

- For wisdom in leading and counselling the church to continue to grow.
- For more men to surrender to be pastors/church planters. The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.
- For George to know where God wants he and his fiancé to settle and that he would continue to develop as a minister.

*Happy  
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## ROGERS, Jaron & Nicki **Nicaragua**



Greetings! We hope you are all well!

We are so thankful for your continued partnership in the Gospel. We have had an extremely busy year! In March 2022 we began a building project at our Christian school in Jinotepe. Jaron has been managing the construction which has proven to be a big undertaking! The main building (of three) is a multi-purpose building which we finished on December 3.

In addition to the building project, we have been attending and helping out a national church in Managua for over a year; however, our plans have been eventually to focus all of our efforts on a new church plant in Jinotepe. We have been holding Bible studies at least once a week this year; but, starting January 8, we will begin having Sunday morning services on the school property using the multi-purpose building as our meeting place. Our family is very excited for this new step! Please pray for the following...

- First and foremost, we have a praise! We were approved for and received our permanent residency visas on December 19, 2022 after 5 years of temporary visas. Glory to God!
- Pray that God will continue to open doors for our new church and that He will give us wisdom.
- Pray that God would allow us to see souls saved for His honor and glory.

*Happy  
Birthday*



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# ROSE, Rachael **Southern Seminary**



Dear Church Family,

First, thank you so much for your constant support, care, and prayers for me. My journey would be far more difficult without your help and support. Although my desire is to be overseas doing the work of the ministry, the Lord has not seen fit to send me back to the field at this time. Rather than forcing a closed door open, I have decided to pursue further training to assist in my pursuit of ministry. Thus, I am now living in Louisville, KY to acquire a Masters Degree in Biblical Counseling from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. I do not know how long the Lord will have me here, but I am content to stay until He moves me elsewhere. As many of us know, the field is wherever we are; thus, I purposefully sought a job in which I could be a light to those who are lost in this city. I am working at a local coffee chain in which all but one of my coworkers are unbelievers. Each day, I get the opportunity to witness both to my coworkers and the customers. Working in a spiritually dark place is extremely challenging; however, I love having the opportunity to be a constant light among the community. Please pray for the following...

- The Lord has grown me so much in this move already! Please pray for continued growth and sanctification.
- Pray for my coworkers that their hearts would be softened to the gospel, that the Holy Spirit would work in their hearts and bring them to repentance and faith.
- Please pray for diligence and discipline in my studies along with growth in wisdom and knowledge.

*Happy  
Birthday*

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# SALIBA, Jonathan & Anna **Colombia**



Lifepoint Friends,

We thought we were going to be starting a new church in 2022, but many different circumstances like visa problems and the passing of Anna's mom made that impossible, so we did as much ministry as we were able to do in other ways.

In 2023, we hope to finally start a new church from scratch and to raise the funds to build a building for our previous church plant. God has been providing new deacons and other leaders in the first church plant, which is a big answer to prayer. That means we will be more available to focus on our next ministry. Please pray for...

- Visa renewals in early 2023. We had trouble in 2022 getting visas. The process took much longer than normal, and we were only given 9 months as opposed to the normal 2 to 3 years. The entire visa process is changing this year, so we have no idea what to expect. We will be having a lawyer help us with this this next year.
- Legal work with our "denomination" in Colombia. The government is trying to get us to pay taxes on buildings that we shouldn't be paying taxes on, but we have to go through a whole legal process to resolve the issue. It will be frustrating, time-consuming, and stressful.
- We're tired, but we still believe God wants us to continue our ministry here in Bogotá. We just need to lean on Him and do what he has called us to do with the strength He gives us.

*Happy  
Birthday*

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# SHIRRELL, Chris & Miranda **Japan**



Lifepoint Friends,

We are thankful to God for you all! This was our first year in Japan and it has been an incredible experience. There have been times it has been very hard, and times that it has been blissful. But through each valley and each mountain top, we have looked to the Lord for our joy and strength. We have counseled the hurting and rejoiced with those who rejoiced. We have had countless number of Gospel interactions with people who have never heard the Gospel before. Of course, we are also burdened for those who we can't speak to yet due to the language barrier, but we have spent many hours everyday studying and practicing Japanese over the last 8 months. As of now, we are thankful to be a part of a local church in Ota, Gunma, Japan, taking part in various areas of ministry. As we approach the new year we are excited to see what God has in store for our family as we strive to faithfully serve Him and the Japanese people!

Please be in prayer for the following...

- That our language skills would continue to increase and that we would be able to use what we know to effectively communicate the gospel in the meantime.
- That we can grow as a family in our love and care for one another.
- For wisdom and guidance as we consider where and how to begin a new church plant.

*Happy  
Birthday*

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## CREATIVE ACCESS

“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.

the ARMSTRONG family

the KUMAR family

the FERNANDEZ family

the TORRES family

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY

“We need preachers of the **Gospel** of Christ, who are **enabled** by the **grace** of God to **face** any culture, and **cry** out:  
*Thus saith the **Lord!**”*

- Paul **Washer**

  
To Every Tribe

**PLANTING CHURCHES**

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**UNREACHED**

The HeartCry Missionary Society began in 1988 in the country of Peru with a desire to aid indigenous or native missionaries so that they might reach their peoples and establish biblical churches among them. Since then, the Lord has expanded the borders to include not only Latin America, but also Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Europe, and the Middle East.

The goal of the ministry is to facilitate the advancement of indigenous missionaries throughout the world. The strategy consists of four primary components: financial support, theological training, Scripture and literature distribution, and the supply of any tool necessary to facilitate the completion of the Great Commission.

HeartCry Missionary Society was founded and still exists for the advancement of four major goals:

- The Glory of God
- The Benefit of Man
- The Establishment of Biblical Churches
- The Demonstration of God's Faithfulness

## 2023 Candidate

To Every Tribe exists to extend the worship of Christ among all peoples by mobilizing the church, training disciple-makers, and sending missionary teams to plant churches among the unreached.

To Every Tribe partners with churches to provide resources and help extend the missional footprint of the local church. We do this through speaking events, conferences, and providing materials to equip the local church. We also train, coach, and equip our missionaries and staff throughout the support raising process, helping them build and maintain effective ministry partnerships that will fuel their ministries through prayer and fund their work through intentional giving.





## Restoring Christ to Counseling & Counseling to the Church

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.

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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         |                    |

At 9Marks, we help pastors, future pastors, and church members see what a biblical church looks like, and to take practical steps for becoming one. Our goal is to see churches characterized by nine biblical marks of a healthy church. Why these nine? Because sadly, they're too often assumed or ignored in evangelical churches.

God's love is active. He decided to love you when he could have justly condemned you. He's merciful, not simply tolerant. He who abhors sin pursues sinners by name. God is vastly patient and relentlessly persevering as he intrudes into your life.

—David Powlison



“Expository preaching elevates divine wisdom above worldly thinking. It proclaims the mind of God rather than the mind of man.”

STEVEN LAWSON



**ONEPASSION**

*For God. For His Glory. Forever.*

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 MARK OF A GREAT SERMON IS NOT SAYING, “WHAT A GREAT SERMON,” NOR “WHAT A GREAT PREACHER,” BUT “WHAT A GREAT GOD.”

*Steven J. Lawson*

“When the Bible speaks, God speaks—inerrantly, infallibly, and powerfully.”

STEVEN LAWSON





# 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 by training, educating, and preparing ministers of the gospel for more faithful service.

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.

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**Spurgeon College** exists to train men and women to be prepared to follow God's call wherever it may lead. Our academic programs include the dual major track, which focuses first on the study of God's Word, and then branches out to professional training emphases such as business, psychology, music, and humanities. You will not only leave here prepared to proclaim the gospel; you will do so in any environment the Lord places you.



# Truth. Legacy. Vision.



## SPURGEON COLLEGE

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# SHANNON MEDICAL CENTER

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
- Baking cookies
- Knitting/crocheting blankets booties & gowns for NICU babies
- Sewing/quilting incubator coverlets
- Compiling & decorating patient packets
- Coloring art for pediatric patient doors



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.



## Carver Learning Center

**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.





# LIFEPOINT

## Baptist Church

*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*

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.

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At **Living Oaks Counseling** we believe that God has given us all we need to know Him and to live in a way that is pleasing to Him.

All our difficulties may not evaporate. However, when a person willingly submits to God's instructions and clings to his promises there is hope and help.

We see people with all kinds of problems, but the most common would be those struggling in their marriage, helping parents with their children, those dealing with sexual sin, and those struggling with their emotions (e.g. depression or anger). In all cases, we use the Bible, God's Sufficient Word, to answer the problems of life.



A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34









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