



2026  
MISSIONARY PROFILE  
& PRAYER GUIDE

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# JUAN & HANNAH FERNANDEZ

+ Victoria, Eleanor, & Juanito

## ILLINOIS

### Where They Serve

- Metro East region (building discipleship hubs in multiple communities)

### Ministry Focus

- **Personal Evangelism & Network Building**
  - Daily prayer walks in work areas (construction/roofing sites, restaurants, RV parks)
  - Building relationships through soccer leagues and gyms
  - Online devotionals and short videos to support outreach
- **Discipleship Groups**
  - Developing teams and small groups in Florissant, Chesterfield, and Granite City

### Spiritual Context

- Strong Catholic influence; Protestant charismatic groups also present
- Many immigrants are open but lack biblical knowledge and stability

### Current Goals

- Form a prayer team and a core team of three families
- Establish three discipleship groups
- Build partnerships with employers to care for workers spiritually

### Pray For

- Endurance and open doors with transient workers
- Godly community for their family
- Provision to complete ministry space projects



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# EDIXON & BELKYS PINA ARIZONA

## Where They Serve

- Phoenix, Arizona (New Birth Baptist Church)

## Ministry Focus

- **Church Strengthening**
  - Sound preaching, home visits, biblical counseling
  - Prayer and fellowship gatherings for unity and growth
- **Discipleship & Multiplication**
  - Home Bible study groups and preparation for future church plants

## Spiritual Context

- Primarily Hispanic community, many from Mexican Catholic background
- Transportation and economic hardship affect consistent engagement



## Current Goals

- Consolidate and strengthen the church
- Launch home groups for discipleship
- Prepare for future church plants

## Pray For

- Spiritual maturity, unity, and transformed daily walk with Christ
- Wisdom and strength for leadership
- Open hearts beyond tradition toward biblical faith

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# ELVIS & WENDY GARCIA

+ Pablo & Josh

## TEXAS

### Where They Serve

- Based in Texas; serving Hispanic leaders and churches nationwide

### Ministry Focus

- **Leadership Development**
  - Monthly residency training for Hispanic leaders
  - Teaching at BMA Theological Seminary in Puerto Rico
- **Church Multiplication Support**
  - Coaching missionaries; supporting 60+ Hispanic churches and 6 associations
  - Evangelism and discipleship across first- and second-generation communities

### Spiritual Context

- Many face overwork, materialism, and cultural adjustment pressures
- Strong Catholic influence; community often responsive to the gospel but needs discipleship depth

### Current Goals

- Train leaders who train others (multiplication)
- Strengthen churches in the 10 largest Latino-population states
- Expand Hispanic church planting movement

### Pray For

- More laborers and resources for the harvest
- Faithfulness among pastors and leaders
- Strength for Wendy as she supports pastors' wives



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# JAMSHAD & ANILA HADYAT

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## GEORGIA

### Where They Serve

- Clarkston, Georgia (refugee community)

### Ministry Focus

- **Church Planting & Holistic Care**
  - Building trust through relationships and practical support
  - Bible studies, personal outreach, and community events
  - Helping refugees while pointing them to Christ

### Spiritual Context

- Diverse refugee backgrounds (often Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, mixed traditions)
- Few biblically sound, well-resourced churches for effective refugee outreach

### Current Goals

- Establish a strong, Christ-centered church
- Disciple new believers into maturity and leadership
- Build a mission-minded community that multiplies

### Pray For

- Wisdom across cultural and religious dynamics
- Financial provision for growing ministry needs
- Open hearts and protection (including upcoming travel)

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# SAFA & FLORANS BANOSH

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## ARIZONA

### Where They Serve

- Glendale, Arizona

### Ministry Focus

- Discipleship & Church Strengthening
  - Bible studies, spiritual formation, and building a committed church family
  - Encouraging believers to live faithfully and disciple others

### Spiritual Context

- Community includes atheists/agnostics, nominal beliefs, and religious traditionalism
- Ongoing opportunity to reach the broader Arab community

### Current Goals

- Deepen commitment and unity in the church family
- Disciple believers into active obedience and maturity

### Pray For

- Consistent faithfulness and participation among church families
- Gospel breakthrough among seekers and nominal believers
- Wisdom and endurance in discipleship work



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# ADAM & NOOR BATARSEH

## FLORIDA

### Where They Serve

- Orlando, Florida (BMA Arabic Church)

### Ministry Focus

- Worship, Teaching & Discipleship
  - Sunday preaching and teaching
  - Home visits and one-on-one outreach
  - Bible studies in person and via Zoom

### Spiritual Context

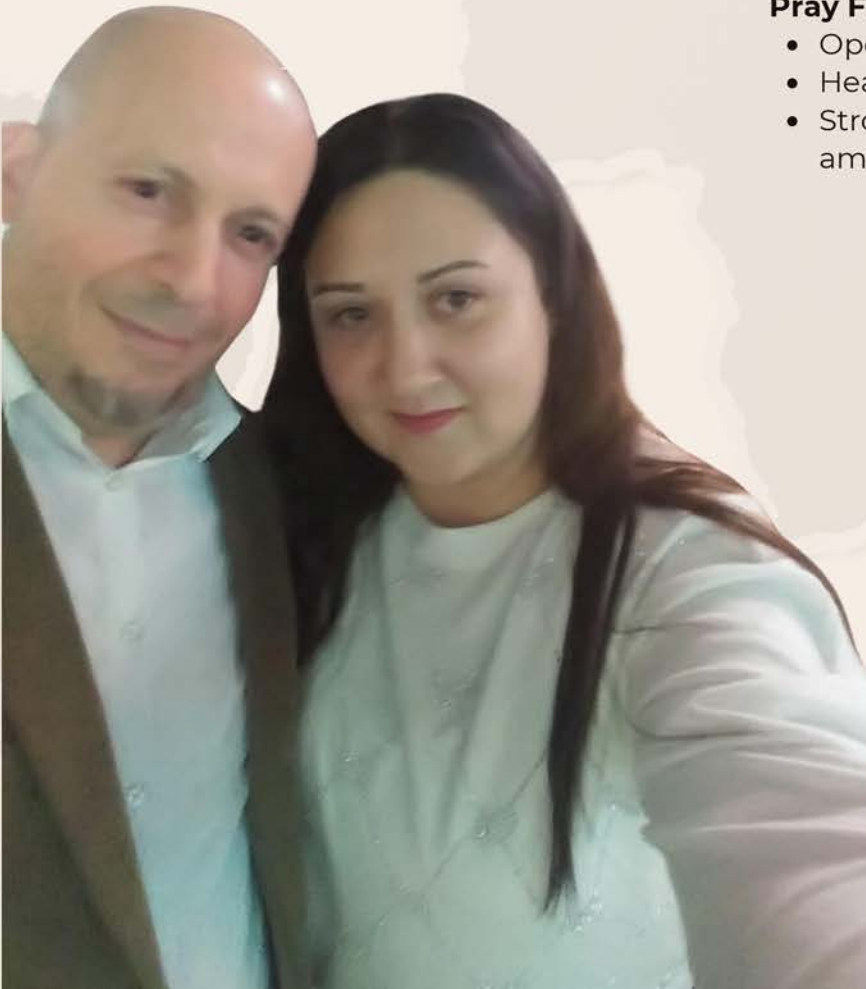
- Mix of nominal Christians and Muslims in the Arabic-speaking community
- Few evangelical Arabic churches locally; BMA Arabic Church is the only Baptist Arabic church in Orlando

### Current Goals

- Share the gospel widely and disciple growing believers
- Establish a faithful, biblical witness in the city

### Pray For

- Open doors for outreach and relationships
- Hearts softened to salvation in Christ
- Strong discipleship and spiritual growth among new believers



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# MKRAM & CLAUDE GHATTAS SHAHATIT

## CALIFORNIA

### Where They Serve

- El Cajon, California (large Arabic-speaking refugee and immigrant community)

### Ministry Focus

- **Compassion & Outreach**
  - Providing household items (furniture, kitchen supplies, essentials)
  - Using practical help to build trust and share Christ
- **Evangelism & Discipleship**
  - Hosting evangelistic events and discipling new believers

### Spiritual Context

- 90,000+ Arabic speakers; Christian believers less than 3%
- Largest religious influences: Islam, Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy
- Trauma and displacement make discipleship slow but deeply needed

### Current Goals

- Share the gospel and disciple new believers
- Build bridges between the church and refugee community

### Pray For

- Open hearts and lasting conversions
- Strength and wisdom in trauma-aware ministry
- Gospel impact throughout El Cajon



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# ASHRAF & JENNY SARA

+ John & Mark

## TEXAS

### Where They Serve

- Based in Texas; coordinating Arabic ministry efforts across multiple states

### Ministry Focus

- **Arabic Church Planting**
  - Planting Arabic-speaking churches in TX, FL, CA, and AZ
- **Training & Coaching**
  - Assessing, equipping, and coaching workers for evangelism and discipleship
- **Movement Building**
  - Developing multiplying Arabic-speaking communities of believers

### Spiritual Context

- Many immigrants shaped by Islamic tradition and strong cultural identity
- Gospel response is often slow and requires long-term discipleship (often years)

### Current Goals

- Plant and strengthen Arabic-speaking churches across the U.S.
- Raise and mobilize leaders for multiplication

### Pray For

- Open hearts among Arabic-speaking communities
- More trained laborers for church planting
- Strong, healthy churches that multiply disciples



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# CHERRY & MARLENY GAMBOA

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## NEW YORK

### Where They Serve

- Bronx, New York (Cherry pastors Iglesia Bautista G M Redención)

### Ministry Focus

- **Evangelism & Discipleship**
  - Warm months: park outreach and evangelistic campaigns
  - Cold months: house-to-house visitation and personal discipleship
- **Church Planting Vision**
  - Praying toward future plants in Houston, Ohio, and Nanuet, NY

### Spiritual Context

- Many churches, but gospel clarity is often distorted
- Multicultural ministry (Garífuna, Spanish, and English speakers)

### Current Goals

- Strengthen believers through sound doctrine
- Expand ministry footprint through church planting

### Pray For

- A larger worship space for growth
- Continued reach to youth vulnerable to gangs
- Open doors for new church plants



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## MINNESOTA

### Where They Serve

- Minneapolis, Minnesota (low-income community)

### Ministry Focus

- **Life-on-Life Discipleship**
  - Helping people flourish as lifelong followers of Jesus
- **Leadership Development**
  - Identifying and training local men to become pastors, planters, and revitalizers

### Spiritual Context

- Wide religious mix: Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Mormonism, JW, paganism
- Confusion from false gospels and hyper-charismatic influences
- Church plant largely made up of new believers

### Current Goals

- Ground believers deeply in God's Word
- Raise and train leaders for multiplication

### Pray For

- Financial provision and new partnerships
- Mature disciplers to help with rapid growth
- Continued salvations and lasting spiritual maturity



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## LOUISIANA

### Where They Serve

- Ruston, Louisiana (LA Tech community)

### Ministry Focus

- **Church Planting**
  - Gathering a core group (currently 4–7 families) meeting weekly at the ABS and in homes
- **Campus Evangelism**
  - Jason serves as ABS Director, sharing the gospel with college students

### Spiritual Context

- Predominantly Christian culture, often “cultural Christianity”
- International students bring diverse religious backgrounds (including Hindu and Muslim)

### Current Goals

- Form a core group to plant a BMA church in Ruston
- Disciple and equip college students with the gospel

### Pray For

- Deep relationships to form quickly in a new work
- Fruit among students and families
- Strong, unified core team for a church plant



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# GAVIN & HALEY ROBERTS

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## UTAH

### Where They Serve

- Morgan, Utah (small-town community; county ~14,000)

### Ministry Focus

- **Relational Evangelism**
  - Building organic relationships through everyday community involvement
- **Church Planting**
  - Pursuing a sustainable, gospel-preaching church presence in Morgan

### Spiritual Context

- Dominant local religious culture shapes beliefs and traditions
- Limited evangelical witness (only 1 evangelical church in town)

### Current Goals

- Establish a faithful church community that can endure long-term
- Grow relationships that lead to gospel conversations

### Pray For

- Open doors and spiritual hunger
- A stable meeting space and sustainable growth
- Patience and wisdom in a slow-building field

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# MICHEL & RUTH POIRIER

## CANADA

### Where They Serve

- Vallée-Jonction, Quebec; ministering in Lévis (pop. ~140,000)

### Ministry Focus

- **Evangelism & Discipleship**
  - Sharing the gospel with immigrants and locals
  - Leading people to salvation, baptism, and disciple-making
- **Multi-ethnic Church Ministry**
  - Serving Africans, Haitians, Brazilians, Chileans, and more

### Spiritual Context

- Predominantly Roman Catholic culture; Baptists often viewed as outsiders
- Some attendees come from Pentecostal backgrounds with mixed beliefs about salvation

### Current Goals

- See people saved, baptized, and trained to share their faith
- Strengthen the church for long-term disciple-making

### Pray For

- Gospel clarity amid religious assumptions and confusion
- Pure motives and lasting discipleship among immigrants
- Favor and fruit in Lévis



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# GRADY & DENISE JOHNSON

## MEXICO

### Where They Serve

- Huejutla, Hidalgo – Rural agricultural region in eastern Mexico
- Pachuca, Hidalgo – Urban state capital at nearly 8,000 feet elevation

### Ministry Focus

- Education & Discipleship
  - Serving at Martha Johnson School, providing Christ-centered education
  - Teaching God's Word to children and families
- Church Leadership & Evangelism
  - Grady pastors El Alba Baptist Church in Pachuca
  - Personal evangelism, preaching, and missions outreach
  - Supporting local churches and mission works
- National Missions Support
  - Serving on BMA of Mexico boards and committees
  - Involved in Bible institute teaching, medical outreaches, and evangelism

### Spiritual Context

- Ministry among both indigenous and urban populations
- Huejutla: Nahuatl-speaking descendants of the Aztecs
- Pachuca: Modern, industrialized, urban mindset
- Ongoing need for discipleship and biblical leadership

### Current Goals

- Strengthen churches and mission works across Mexico
- Equip leaders through teaching and mentoring
- Expand gospel impact in both rural and urban settings

### Pray For

- Fruitful ministry in diverse cultural contexts
- Spiritual growth among new believers
- Continued effectiveness in national missions leadership



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## MEXICO

### Where They Serve

- Querétaro, Mexico
- Growing capital city with strong family values and modern influence

### Ministry Focus

- Church Planting
  - Planting El Arco Baptist Church
  - Vision to plant additional churches throughout the region
- Relational Evangelism
  - Sharing the gospel through community involvement
  - Outreach through sports, schools, and personal relationships
  - Discipling believers to live out their faith

### Spiritual Context

- 91.2% of the population identifies as Roman Catholic
- Deep-rooted traditions often replace biblical truth
- Many equate religion with salvation rather than personal faith in Christ
- Few biblically sound churches in the region

### Current Goals

- Establish a strong, gospel-centered local church
- Disciple believers who will multiply disciples
- See new churches planted across Querétaro and beyond

### Pray For

- Hearts to be opened beyond religious tradition
- Growth and multiplication of El Arco
- Spiritual hunger for biblical truth in Querétaro



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# JOE & MIRA COSTA

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## LEBANON

### Where They Serve

- Beirut and northern suburbs of Lebanon
- Ministry reach extends digitally across Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Egypt

### Ministry Focus

- Youth Evangelism & Discipleship
  - Reaching unchurched young people with the gospel
  - Small-group Bible studies and one-on-one discipleship
- Media & Leadership Training
  - Partnering with Lifeword to produce Arabic social media content
  - Training pastors and young leaders to develop sustainable youth ministries
- Vision: Reach. Engage. Integrate.
  - Reach young people with the gospel
  - Engage through discipleship and relationships
  - Integrate believers into the local church

### Spiritual Context

- Evangelicals make up roughly 1% of the population
- Predominantly Muslim, with Maronite Catholic and Greek Orthodox communities
- Many young people are spiritually curious but deeply discouraged

### Current Challenges

- Widespread emigration due to economic and political crisis
- Instability affecting long-term discipleship
- Hopelessness and skepticism among youth

### Pray For

- Safety and wisdom amid ongoing unrest
- Hope and spiritual renewal among young people
- Endurance and clarity for long-term ministry

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# ELIE & RANA COSTA AL HAJJ

+ *Martin & Anthony*

## LEBANON

### Where They Serve

- Beirut, northern Lebanon, Bekaa Valley, and Shouf region
- Partnering with local churches nationwide

### Ministry Focus

- Medical & Compassion Ministry
  - Relaunching BMA Global's medical ministry in Lebanon
  - Providing care through 4–5 church-based clinics
  - Home visits offering medical aid and gospel care
- Church Partnership
  - Local believers welcoming patients and building relationships
  - Integrating compassion with pastoral care and evangelism



### Spiritual Context

- Diverse population: Muslim, Maronite Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Druze
- Ongoing national crises affecting all economic levels
- Healthcare access is limited, creating gospel opportunities

### Current Challenges

- High cost of medications and medical supplies
- Cultural barriers in traditional communities
- Skepticism toward aid workers

### Pray For

- Safety while traveling across the country
- Provision for medical resources and staff
- Open hearts to the gospel

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# SAM & SUZAN JORDAN

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## MIDDLE EAST

### Where They Serve

- Zarqa, Jordan
- Urban center northeast of Amman with significant social needs

### Ministry Focus

- Church Leadership & Discipleship
  - Sam pastors Zarqa Baptist Church
  - Weekly preaching, small groups, youth and children's ministry
  - Personal mentoring and leadership development
- Community Outreach
  - Serving refugees and vulnerable families
  - Meeting practical needs while pointing to Christ
  - Leading revival meetings in Jordan and abroad

### Spiritual Context

- Less than 1% of the population is evangelical
- Ministry among Jordanians, Syrian and Iraqi refugees, and Egyptian workers
- Cultural resistance and limited resources

### Current Goals

- Proclaim the gospel faithfully
- Strengthen the local church
- Equip a new generation of leaders

### Pray For

- Protection and wisdom for the Jordan family
- Growth and unity within the church
- Open doors for evangelism and discipleship



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# AJ

## CENTRAL ASIA

### Where She Serves

- Central Asia
- Preparing to live among an unreached Muslim people group (~150,000)

### Ministry Focus

- Language & Culture Learning
  - Gaining fluency in the national language
  - Learning the people group's Mandarin-based dialect
- Relationship Building
  - Living among the community
  - Building trust and long-term relationships
- Church Planting Foundations
  - Laying groundwork for a future indigenous church

### Spiritual Context

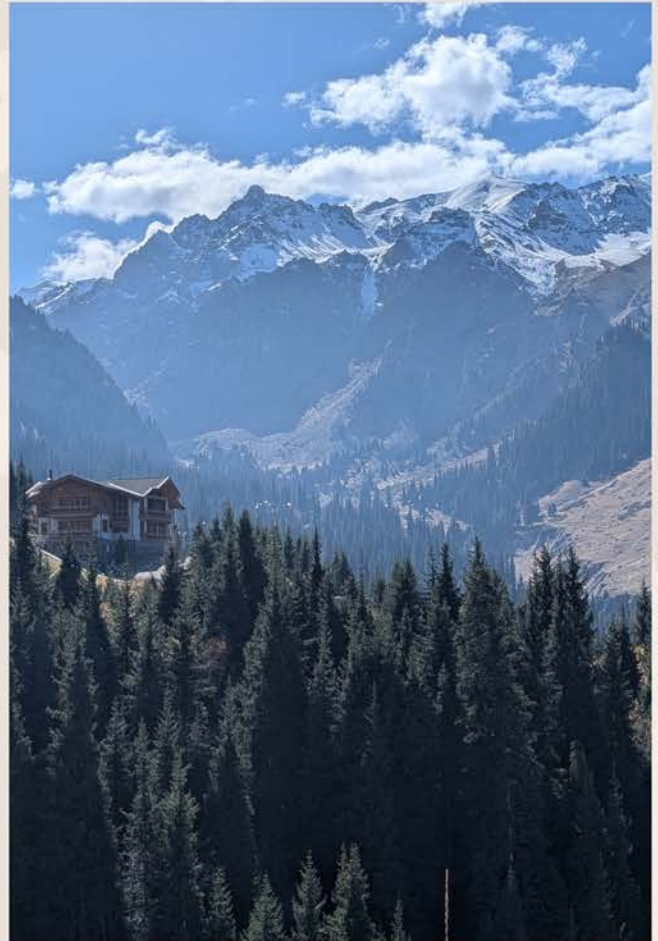
- Ethnically Chinese Muslim population
- Deeply shaped by Islam and traditional beliefs
- Only 0.04% identify as believers
- No known churches among this people group locally

### Current Goals

- Achieve language fluency for clear communication
- Establish secure, sustainable presence
- Prepare for long-term gospel work
- See an indigenous church one day take root

### Pray For

- Language learning and cultural understanding
- Spiritual openness and softened hearts
- Protection and wisdom in daily life
- Future church planting efforts



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## PHILIPPINES

### Where They Serve

- Bacolod City, Philippines

### Ministry Focus

- Teaching and training at the BMA Bible College of the Philippines
- Discipleship-based leadership development
- Hands-on ministry training through evangelism and community outreach
- Equipping students to start Bible studies and prepare for ministry

### Church Planting & Leadership Development

- Investing in the next generation of pastors and church planters
- Continuing a 50+ year legacy of training leaders in the Philippines
- Expanding focus toward church planting across the Asia Pacific region

### Spiritual Context

- Predominantly Catholic culture with a strong works-based understanding of faith
- Evangelism often requires ongoing conversations to address theological misconceptions
- Approximately 120 million people, with only about 6% identifying as born again

### Current Goals

- Strengthen and expand discipleship training at the Bible college
- Prepare and send leaders to plant churches beyond the Philippines
- Increase gospel access throughout the Asia Pacific region

### Pray For

- The spread of the gospel throughout Asia Pacific
- God to raise up willing men to plant churches
- Wisdom and patience in ongoing gospel conversations
- Faithful training of students preparing for ministry



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## PHILIPPINES

### Where They Serve

- Luzon Island, Philippines
- Based in Sto. Tomas, Batangas, south of Metro Manila

### Ministry Focus

- Church Planting & Discipleship
  - Supporting two established churches and four mission churches
  - Exploring two new church plants, including an urban plant in Quezon City
- Community Outreach
  - Children's ministry, Bible studies, and discipleship
  - Cancer support ministry and relief efforts
  - BTCP training for pastors and leaders
  - Partnership with local ChangeMaker Vincent Ferrer

### Spiritual Context

- Predominantly Roman Catholic culture
- Many equate Catholic identity with biblical Christianity
- Tendency toward superficial faith and people-pleasing
- Doctrinal confusion among churches highlights need for biblical clarity

### Current Goals

- Develop a sustainable model for urban church planting
- Strengthen discipleship among economically disadvantaged communities
- Raise up more pastors and ministry leaders

### Pray For

- Lasting spiritual fruit and gospel clarity
- Financial provision and additional laborers
- Strength and encouragement for the Ballard family

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# JEREMY & MANDY HAMBRICE

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## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### Where They Serve

- Eastern Highlands Province of Papua New Guinea
- Village of Pinji, among the Wantakia people
- Vision to reach nine surrounding villages

### Ministry Focus

- Church Planting & Discipleship
  - Church planted in 2020 through chronological Bible teaching
  - Ongoing discipleship through home Bible studies and weekly worship
  - Local men training as Bible teachers and leaders
  - Women leading children's Bible studies
- Bible Translation & Literacy
  - Active Bible translation into the Wantakia language
  - Literacy program now fully led by local believers
  - Goal: enable people to read God's Word for themselves

### Spiritual Context

- Strong animistic worldview centered on fear of spirits
- Belief in appeasing spirit beings to avoid harm
- Approximately 150 believers among 500 villagers in Pinji
- Only known believers within a language group of 10,000

### Current Goals

- Raise up elders and deacons for an independent local church
- Plant a church in a neighboring village
- Continue Bible translation and launch a youth ministry

### Pray For

- Softened hearts among unbelievers
- Faithful and mature local leadership
- Endurance and wisdom for the Hambrice family



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# BJ & JILL SANDERS

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## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### Where They Serve

- Serve in the Highlands region of Papua New Guinea, near Goroka
- centered among the Wantakia people
- Community located in the mountains at approximately 6,800 feet elevation

### Ministry Focus

- Maintain ongoing relationship with the church in Wantakia, which they helped plant alongside two other families
- Regularly travel into the village to disciple and encourage believers
- Established Wi-Fi connection for ongoing communication and support while in town
- BJ serves in leadership roles while based in town:
  - Supports missionaries in remote “bush” locations
  - Equips new missionaries arriving on the field
- Ministry extends beyond one village to support broader regional efforts

### Goals and Vision

- See a mature, thriving church established in Wantakia
- Desire believers to grow in faith, hope, and love
- Equip believers to be grounded in Scripture and stand firm in Christ
- Pray for opportunities to extend the gospel to neighboring villages
- Trust God to open doors for unity among villages sharing the same language

### The People They Serve

- Wantakia people live in a remote, mountainous region
- Sustain life through hunting and gathering
- Previously had little to no literacy or formal education
- Many families now able to read and engage Scripture personally
- Also serve missionaries:
  - Those in isolated locations
  - Those new to the field
  - Provide encouragement, guidance, and support

### Challenges in Ministry

- Conflict between villages limits outreach opportunities
- Desire to see the gospel spread to neighboring communities
- Syncretism is a major spiritual challenge:
  - Blending Bible teaching with traditional beliefs
  - Cultural practices influence understanding of truth
- Many believe righteousness comes through good works rather than Christ

### Spiritual Landscape

- Only one biblically sound church in their language group
- Approximately 75 baptized believers
- Many children actively learning and responding to biblical teaching
- Encouraging signs of growth in the next generation

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# SIRIPONG & JESSIE YAEBEANG

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## THAILAND

### Where They Serve

- Bangkok, Thailand
- Leading North Bangkok Church

### Ministry Focus

- Church Leadership & Discipleship
  - Shepherding and teaching at North Bangkok Church
  - Discipling believers and raising up deacons and lay elders
- Pastor & Preacher Training
  - Hosting preaching seminars for Thai pastors and preachers
  - Providing theological training where biblical resources are scarce
- Biblical Resources
  - Writing and producing video content to strengthen Thai churches
  - Expanding online ministry to reach believers nationwide

### Spiritual Context

- Nearly 90% Buddhist, shaped by karma, reincarnation, and works-based belief
- Christianity often viewed as a Western religion
- Less than 1% of Thailand's 70 million people are evangelical
- Many churches lack sound biblical teaching

### Current Goals

- Faithfully preach and teach God's Word
- Equip pastors and preachers through annual seminars
- Continue producing biblical resources
- Raise up mature church leaders
- Model faithfulness in family life and homeschooling

### Pray For

- Wisdom in teaching and leadership development
- God's provision for seminars and resources
- Spiritual growth for their family and church



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# BRANDON & BRITTNEY LINGLE

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## THAILAND

### Where They Serve

- Bangkok, Thailand
- Preparing for their next church plant

### Ministry Focus

- Church Planting Preparation
  - Praying for direction and location
  - Seeking a Thai partner for co-laboring in ministry
- Evangelism & Discipleship
  - Home Bible studies to lay a foundation of believers
  - Gospel outreach in their new community
- Leadership Development
  - Supporting a Thai friend pursuing ordination and pastoral ministry

### Spiritual Context

- Approximately 95% Buddhist, often mixed with animism
- Christianity viewed as foreign and culturally distant
- Only 1-2% of the population identifies as Christian
- Few biblically sound churches

### Current Goals

- Identify the next church planting location
- Establish a gospel-centered church in Bangkok
- Disciple new believers and raise humble leaders
- Support their Thai partner's pastoral preparation

### Pray For

- Clarity and wisdom in decision-making
- Fruitful evangelism and Bible studies
- Strength for their family and ministry partners



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# THE JOHNSON FAMILY

## CHINA

### Where They Serve

- Beijing, China
- Ministry among expatriates and select local communities

### Ministry Focus

- Discipleship & Evangelism Training
  - Gospel-centered discipleship for expats and locals
  - "1,000 Gospel Conversations" initiative encouraging relational evangelism
  - Evangelism training, including how to share the gospel in Chinese
- Multiplication & Sending
  - Discipling believers who will return to their home countries
  - Supporting church planting and ministry beyond China

### Spiritual Context

- Highly secular and self-reliant worldview
- China is largely unreached, with a small Christian population
- Strong legal restrictions on evangelism to locals
- Diverse international church environment requiring discernment

### Current Goals

- Continue equipping believers to live missionally
- Launch a new international church on Beijing's west side
- Faithfully disciple and send believers to the nations

### Pray For

- Wisdom and protection amid legal restrictions
- Courage and faithfulness among believers
- Continued gospel impact through those sent out



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# SEAN & KENDALL PASLEY

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## FRANCE

### Where They Serve

- Savoie and Isère regions of southeastern France

### Ministry Focus

- Relational Evangelism
  - Long-term gospel conversations built on trust and friendship
  - Sean serves in regular preaching rotations within local churches
- Church Planting Foundations
  - Deep community integration
  - Laying groundwork for a doctrinally sound church

### Spiritual Context

- Highly secular culture; faith often viewed as irrational or private
- Only 2% of France identifies as evangelical
- Strong skepticism toward absolute truth claims
- In Savoie, very few doctrinally sound Protestant churches

### Current Goals

- Establish lasting relationships that lead to gospel conversations
- Prepare the foundation for a new church plant
- Encourage believers toward active, lived-out faith

### Pray For

- Patience and endurance in long-term ministry
- Hearts softened to the truth of Christ
- A biblically sound church to be planted



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# DERRICK & MICHELLE BREMER

+ Charlotte & Charles

## FRANCE

### Where They Serve

- Alpine regions of France, focusing on smaller towns and rural communities

### Ministry Focus

- Discipleship formation, God-directed sending, and gospel reproduction
- Relational evangelism rooted in patience and consistency
- Building meaningful connections before engaging in deeper gospel conversations

### Discipleship & Church Development

- Developing disciples who make disciples (2 Timothy 2:2)
- Equipping leaders for ministry and strengthening the church (Ephesians 4:12)
- Supporting and establishing biblically grounded, gospel-centered churches (Acts 2:42)
- Extending the gospel through multiplying disciples and churches (Matthew 28:18–20)

### Spiritual Context

- Highly secular, post-Christian culture shaped by skepticism and personal autonomy
- Widespread spiritual indifference, yet underlying emptiness and search for meaning
- Evangelical believers typically represent less than 1% of the population
- Many areas lack access to a biblically sound, gospel-preaching church

### Current Goals

- Invest in individuals who will multiply disciples and leaders
- Establish and strengthen local churches
- Lay groundwork for long-term gospel impact in France and the broader francophone world

### Pray For

- Endurance and perseverance in long seasons of slow ministry fruit
- Hearts open to the truth of the gospel
- Deep, trust-based relationships that lead to meaningful conversations
- Faithfulness, patience, and hope in spiritually resistant contexts

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# BRYAN & PAM RISNER

## ROMANIA

### Where They Serve

- Şantandrei, Romania, near Oradea and the Hungarian border
- Ministry extending into nearby villages, including Țărian

### Ministry Focus

- Relational Evangelism & Discipleship
  - Weekly children's and teen ministries (Backyard Bible Study, English Club)
  - Monthly Bible studies and leadership training (Coffee & Jesus, Table of Leaders)
  - Teaching courses on relational evangelism
- Church Planting & Community Outreach
  - Annual VBS and English camps
  - Christmas food, coat, and shoe drives
  - Ongoing efforts to plant new churches through disciple-making leaders

### Spiritual Context

- 90% of Romanians believe in God, but weekly church attendance is low
- Strong Orthodox identity often confused with biblical faith
- Legalism and cultural traditions can obscure the gospel
- Social tensions between Romanian, Hungarian, and Gypsy communities

### Current Goals

- Build relationships in Țărian toward a new church plant
- Raise up Romanian leaders who disciple others and plant churches
- Foster unity across ethnic and social divides

### Pray For

- Open hearts amid cultural and religious traditions
- Unity among Romanian, Hungarian, and Gypsy believers
- Faithful leaders committed to disciple-making



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# CANDRA BARNETT

## ROMANIA

### Where She Serves

- Șantandrei and the village of Țărian, near Oradea, Romania

### Ministry Focus

- Children's Ministry
  - Teaching Scripture through Bible stories, games, and crafts
  - Helping children understand the full story of the Bible
- Youth & Relational Discipleship
  - Discipling teenage girls to grow as future disciple-makers
  - Leading an English Club to build trust and gospel relationships
  - Investing in relationships with mothers and families

### Spiritual Context

- Evangelical Christians make up only 2.6% of the population
- Most identify as Orthodox but lack biblical understanding
- Many see themselves as "already Christian," limiting gospel openness

### Current Goals

- Teach children the Bible from Genesis to Revelation
- Disciple youth who will continue gospel work
- Build relationships that open doors for a future church plant

### Pray For

- Trust and relationships to deepen in Țărian
- Spiritual openness among children and families
- Endurance and wisdom in slow, relational ministry



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# CRISTIAN & VANESSA MARTINEZ

+ Joellen & Ethan

## ROMANIA

### Where They Serve

- Braşov, a major university city in central Romania
- Ministry among both urban professionals and village Gypsy families

### Ministry Focus

- Discipleship & Evangelism
  - Home-based worship, Bible studies, and fellowship
  - Public outreach during summer; hospitality-focused ministry in winter
  - Equipping believers to share the gospel through everyday life
- Church Planting & Sending
  - Planting churches and preparing missionaries for unreached areas south of Romania

### Spiritual Context

- Fewer than 10 biblically sound churches in a city of ~300,000
- Only 2% evangelical population
- Strong Orthodox identity often opposed to evangelical faith
- Evangelism is uncommon within church culture

### Current Goals

- Faithfully proclaim the gospel with clarity and love
- Strengthen believers in evangelism and discipleship
- Plant churches and send missionaries

### Pray For

- Softened hearts and spiritual hunger
- Boldness among believers
- Fruit from home gatherings and outreach



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# JOSHUA & MEAGAN PHIRI

+ *Ashlyn, Zekani, Jaron, & Kenzie*

## ZAMBIA

### Where They Serve

- Southern Province of Zambia
- Serving across multiple rural districts, including highly neglected communities

### Ministry Focus

- Church Planting & Village Outreach
  - Church services, Bible studies, and house-to-house evangelism
  - Youth and children's ministry, counseling, and personal discipleship
- Community Development
  - Educational support, healthcare initiatives, and sustainable projects
  - Ministry designed to meet practical needs while introducing biblical truth
  - Partnership with local leaders and international mission teams

### Spiritual Context

- Mix of Christianity, traditional African religions, Islam, and secular beliefs
- Common blending of Christian language with indigenous customs
- Deep economic hardship often limits access to education, healthcare, and discipleship
- Many churches lack trained leadership and biblical resources

### Current Goals

- Plant churches across 15 districts of Zambia's Southern Province
- Train and equip local leaders through theological education and practical ministry training
- Strengthen churches to remain biblically sound and self-sustaining



### Pray For

- Spiritual growth and biblical understanding among new believers
- Strength and wisdom for local leaders
- Provision and endurance for the Phiri family

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# MICKEAL & SHARON QUILLMAN

## ZAMBIA

### Where They Serve

- Sekute Chiefdom, Kazungula District, southern Zambia
- Rural area near Livingstone, serving multiple villages

### Ministry Focus

- Church Planting & Discipleship
  - Planted Chabantu Missionary Baptist Church
  - Gospel outreach now impacting more than 24 villages
- Leadership & Family Discipleship
  - Training men to serve as pastors and Bible teachers
  - Discipling women and children, many hearing Scripture taught clearly for the first time
  - Ongoing ministry amid strong animistic and ancestral traditions

### Spiritual Context

- Zambia is officially a Christian nation, yet biblical understanding is often limited
- Indigenous beliefs, witchcraft, and traditional medicine are commonly blended with Christianity
- Cultural practices, including polygamy, present challenges for leadership development

### Current Goals

- Strengthen and multiply Chabantu Missionary Baptist Church
- Train and send local leaders to plant village churches
- Establish the BMA Bible Institute of Zambia to equip future pastors

### Pray For

- Growth and maturity of local churches and leaders
- Wisdom and protection as spiritual strongholds are confronted
- Provision and guidance for the Bible Institute and village ministry



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# JARRED & MEGAN ETHEREDGE

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## SOUTH AFRICA

### Where They Serve

- Rural South Africa, four hours north of Johannesburg
- Primarily among the Pedi people, South Africa's third-largest tribal group

### Ministry Focus

- Community Engagement
  - Agricultural training and skill development
  - Practical entry points for gospel conversations and discipleship
- Church & Leadership Development
  - Partnership with a local pastoral fraternal
  - Training pastors and lay leaders in evangelism and discipleship
  - Church planted in a nearby village with no previous Christian witness

### Spiritual Context

- Fewer than 10% of churches are biblically sound
- Widespread syncretism blending Christianity with ancestral worship
- Many have heard parts of the gospel but lack clear biblical understanding

### Current Goals

- Complete Phase One of a training center
  - Monthly training for up to 100 people
  - Housing for 25 trainees
- Establish local leadership for the new church plant
- Host three pastoral conferences to strengthen sound doctrine

### Pray For

- Spiritual clarity and biblical understanding
- Faithful local leaders to be discipled
- Wisdom and protection for the Etheredge family



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