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Elevating Our Reach

PRAYER GUIDE 26/27





City United Family,

Being On Mission is all about multiplying our reach by sharing the Gospel with the people around us and all over the world. To do this we must tap into Jesus' limitless strength and wisdom, surrendering our will and allowing His power to work through us. When we multiply our reach, lives will be changed through the Gospel and the Kingdom of God will be expanded.

We are so excited to provide this 31-day prayer guide for ***On Mission 2026/27***. Our desire is that you will use this throughout the next twelve months. We have heard that many of you have used the ***On Mission Prayer Guide*** for your family devotions, personal devotions, and in your groups. Our desire is for you and your family to stay ***On Mission*** for each month of the year. We are enclosing email addresses (when possible) so you can also directly contact our missionaries and let them know you are praying for them in their endeavors for God's Kingdom! May God bless you as you use this guide, and may He show each of us the role we play in making disciples, that make disciples, that make disciples!

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

How to Use This Guide:

- **Pray with Purpose:** Set aside time to meditate and pray over each individual, mission agency, group, or country. Allow your heart to be moved by their stories and requests.
- **Persist in Prayer:** Let this guide serve as a reminder to make prayer a constant presence in your life. May your prayers be a source of hope, healing, and transformation for individuals and nations alike.
- **Pray for Open Doors:** Pray that God will provide boldness to His people to walk through the doors He opens for new ministry. Pray that God will lead His people past the barriers to hearts prepared to receive His Word.
- **Pray for Protection and God's Guidance:** Pray that God will keep our missionaries, workers, and families safe. Pray for clear guidance and protection during travels.
- **Pray for Refreshment:** Pray that God will provide opportunities for peace and relaxation to refresh His workers. Pray that God will assure our missionaries that they are loved, supported, and prayed for back home.

May God bless you as you partner with our missionaries through prayer this next year! Remember, God is Bigger!

Pastor Gary & Pastor Pencil



Day 1: Justin Culbertson, EFCA Reach Global, London, UK

The Culbertsons arrived in London on January 23, 2025. Justin and Amanda have four boys, Jack, Chip, Felix, and Teddy.

Update from Justin:

It's been a long year of uncertainty here in London. One year ago, the relationship with our former church partner fell apart. It was jarring because we didn't know that there was an issue until it was too late. We spent most of the last twelve months asking the Lord to give us peace through this season – which He has provided *at times*. Most of the time, we have wrestled with our purpose and usefulness. What has been consistent is our understanding that being here is being obedient. We are grateful that God has given us enough glimpses to confirm that for us.

In July 2026, the Culbertson's began working with a new church, Christ Church at All Saints Wandsworth, while continuing to partner with Co-Mission. Justin will be focusing on Men's discipleship, supporting youth ministry, and overseeing the home group ministry.

Praises:

- God opened the door for new ministry.
- Jack was accepted at the family's first choice school.
- God's provision for daily needs.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for joy in this new work.
- Pray for Jack as he starts secondary school.
- Pray for Teddy as he continues to be behind in his development.
- Pray for more opportunities for outreach outside of the church, specifically through sports chaplaincy for Justin and for Amanda in the school where the middle two boys attend.
- Pray that God would be glorified and for souls to be saved for His glory!

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Day 2: David and Jared Nelms -The Timothy Initiative (TTI)

The Timothy Initiative is an international church planting movement focused on training and multiplying disciple-making church planters. They equip leaders who otherwise lack access to balanced biblical and practical theological training. Each church planter is expected to plant at least one reproducing church during their training. TTI's strategy mobilizes disciple makers to make disciples within their natural sphere of influence, combining evangelism, ongoing discipleship, and church planting with intentional training and mentoring.

Mission: The Timothy Initiative exists to advance Christ's Kingdom by multiplying disciples and disciple making churches around the world.

Vision: In obedience to Jesus and through Kingdom partnerships, The Timothy Initiative's vision is to see multiplying, disciple making churches in every place and people group.

Update from TTI:

Over the next 12 months, our focus is to continue expanding into unreached areas, equip additional church planters, strengthen existing disciple-making movements, and deepen partnerships that accelerate Gospel multiplication.

TTI's 5-year Goal:

- Widows & Orphans Served: 350,000
- UPGs (Unreached People Group): 2,500
- Salvations: 5,000,000
- Total Churches: 350,000

Prayer Requests:

- Pray that the Lord would send more workers into the harvest fields around the world.
- Pray for those who have not yet heard the Gospel, that many would come to faith in Christ.
- Pray for our church planters and national leaders as they disciple believers and establish healthy, reproducing churches.
- Pray especially for believers facing persecution. Persecution has increased significantly in many of the areas where we serve. Ask God to protect, strengthen, and encourage His people as they remain faithful to Christ.
- Pray for wisdom, endurance, and open doors as we continue equipping leaders to make disciples and plant churches among every people group.

For ongoing and updated prayer requests from the field, we invite your congregation to join our International Prayer Team at ttiglobal.org/joinintlprayerteam or our 24/7 Prayer Team at ttipray.org



Day 3: Mauricio Prunera – Fellowship International Mission, Normandy, France

Mauricio was born and raised in El Salvador where he accepted Christ as his personal Savior. Rachel heard the good news and accepted Christ while living in France. They both found their way to Argentina where they met during their studies at a Bible Institute. They were married in November 2006 and have two children, Esteban (2010) and Lidia (2014).

Update from Mauricio:

In 2026, we have carried out various outreach activities to reach the lost, including both personal evangelism and open-air presentations like our Easter Sunday (April) and Summer Day (June) concerts. In May, we held training on personal discipleship for both new believers and those more advanced in the faith. We also held a meeting in June for prospective official members; by God's grace, 26 people showed interest. Our goal is to solidify the foundations and pillars of our church.



Prayer Requests:

- Pray that all the seeds of the gospel planted during 2026 produce much fruit for the salvation of those who heard the good news, and that they might be added to the church for God's glory.
- For the salvation of the inhabitants of Saint-Lô and the 60 surrounding communes (about 80,000 people).
- For the spiritual edification of the brothers and sisters of Chemin Nouveau. May we be true disciples of Jesus, manifesting the fruit of the Holy Spirit, unity, and love between our families.
- For God's provision for the purchase of the church building and the construction projects, including insulation, heating, a new meeting room, and remodeling.
- For financial provision for the Prunera family. We also pray for the church to become financially self-sufficient.
- Pray for more musicians to join our worship team. Currently, only Rachel (accordion and guitar) and Esteban (drums) play every Sunday; we would love to have a pianist and bassist.

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Day 4: Bobby Bechtel - Hope Foundation of Kenya

The Hope Foundation of Kenya began as a dream of Allan and Eve Owano and Bobby and Lisa Bechtel, who wanted to help starving children to get food and an education. They started feeding just 25 children in 2005, and now they have 1,100 children enrolled and

thriving in their schools near Mombasa, Kenya.

Their mission comes to life through initiatives designed to meet real needs and strengthen communities:

- Child sponsorship for education
- School feeding programs
- Church planting and construction
- Freshwater wells
- Medical care and mosquito net distribution
- Food bundles for families in crisis
- Swahili Bible distribution
- Pastor training and support
- Vocational and workforce development



Update from Hope for Kenya:

Each project exists to serve people with dignity while pointing them toward lasting hope. We don't measure success in short-term outcomes. We measure it in lives changed over time. Because we stay, invest, and walk with communities for decades, we are seeing fruit that lasts:

- Over 1,100 children are educated every week.
- More than 17,000 meals are provided weekly.
- Hundreds of students have graduated from high school.
- Alumni have attended university and vocational programs.
- Clean water has been provided to rural communities.
- Local churches have been planted and strengthened.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for more Bibles and Biblically sound material to teach basic theology and doctrine.
- Many pastors walk miles from home to their churches or to other remote villages to start new works. Pray that God will provide more rugged bicycles capable of handling rough terrain for these pastors.
- Pray for the local pastors that are enrolled in the Pastor Training program. The full three-year course covers doctrine and how to run and grow a church.
- The Hope Foundation is in the process of starting a vocational training center, providing practical learning experiences, apprenticeships, internships, and job placement. Pray that many of their graduates can walk seamlessly into the workforce.
- Pray for more clean water wells as they work with local Kenyan churches to solve this problem.

<https://hopekenya.life/>

Day 5: North Star Family Services

What started out as a dream in 2003 because of a need for services in the Leominster community for homeless families, became a permanent reality in November 2015 with a renovation of a large and permanent home. In October of 2019, the name was formally changed to North Star Family Services, Inc. City United has been involved with North Star since 2020. Our team prepares hot meals for a week, about every 10 or 11 weeks. During that week, not only are hot meals prepared and delivered, the food pantry is restocked, and we help meet the needs of some of the financial obligations of the home.



Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the families at the shelter. We want them to feel safe, be comforted, and find hope.
- We also request prayers that parents have open hearts and minds to implement lifelong changes necessary to provide a stable life for themselves and their children.
- Pray for wisdom for the staff to guide families on their path to self-sufficiency.
- Pray that sufficient resources continue to pour in to support the work.
- Pray that our local community becomes aware of the need to help families experiencing homelessness and to have compassion for them.
- Pray for affordable housing to help end family homelessness.
- Pray for Jennifer Gagne - Case Manager, Felicia Meza – Site Coordinator, Ntakirutimana Francine – House Manager I, and Anita Sullivan – House Manager II
- Pray for Jana Murphy, Program Director and Shauna Neidigh, Director of Development.
- Pray for Jon Hogue, President & CEO, North Star Family Services, Inc. and for Tabitha Cardona, Vice President of Administration

<https://northstarfs.org/>



Day 6: Daniel Ford – Baptist Mission to Forgotten Peoples, Moldova

Daniel and Emily Ford first arrived in Moldova in April 2004. They now have three children, Hannah, Josiah, and Tabitha. Daniel is currently pastoring Maranatha Baptist Church in Hincesti, Moldova.

Moldova, one of the smallest and poorest countries in Eastern Europe, has seen its population fall dramatically from 4.3 million at independence in 1991 to fewer than 2.4 million today. Decades of mass emigration, economic hardship, political instability, and fears stemming from the Russia–Ukraine conflict have left so many struggling and searching for hope.

Update from Daniel:

We believe that only Jesus Christ can bring lasting hope to this forgotten corner of the world. For more than 22 years now, God has allowed us to proclaim the gospel, baptize new believers, disciple them to follow Christ, and lead two church plants. We currently serve at Maranatha Baptist Church in the city of Hincesti, while also training young preachers through CrossTalk Global, and helping with youth and evangelistic ministries throughout Moldova.



Prayer Requests:

- God's provision for Hannah and Josiah while they attend college in Pensacola, Florida.
- Hearts to trust Christ for salvation, especially for 15 unsaved teenagers attending youth meetings.
- God's provision for a second/future pastor for Maranatha Baptist Church.
- Believers to keep growing in their faith and sharing it with others.

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Day 7: Harold Hull

Harold and Christine Hull, along with their three children, have been serving with Ethnos 360 in Papua New Guinea for the past 3 years. The past three years have been filled with valleys and mountains, sickness, and joy.

Update from Harold:

After much prayer and counsel, we believe the Lord is leading us to begin exploring ministry opportunities in another field, where there appears to be a clearer long-term pathway toward church planting and ministry involvement. There are a mix of emotions for us—sadness in leaving people and a place we love, and also excitement for what God may have ahead as we look at other fields and needs.



We want to say clearly that we do not view our time in Papua New Guinea as a mistake in any way. We are deeply grateful for the years God has given us here. We have learned language, culture, and ministry skills. We have built meaningful relationships. We have grown through both joy and difficulty. Some of the most shaping and refining seasons of our lives have taken place here, and we believe God has used them deeply in our lives.

This decision has also been made with careful attention to long-term sustainability. We do not want to reach a place where discouragement, uncertainty, or lack of clear ministry direction would hinder our ability to continue serving effectively in the future. Our desire is to remain healthy, faithful, and engaged in missions for the long haul, and not step away from cross-cultural ministry altogether.

The Hulls are currently on an 8-month furlough (started mid-July, 2026) with their home base in Connecticut.

Prayer Requests:

- Wisdom and clarity as we finalize next steps.
- Peace and unity for our family during transition.
- Healthy closure in PNG relationships.
- Clear direction for the next field.
- Strength and encouragement during a season of change.
- For our kiddos as they go through yet another transition. But they all seem to be excited to see snow again!

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Day 8: The Gideons International

The Gideons International are a body of believers dedicated to making the Word of God available to everyone and, together with the local church, reaching souls for Christ.

Since 1908, the Gideons have shared the Word of God quickly and effectively in more than 190 countries, territories and possessions, impacting more than 2.6 billion through their more than 240 thousand members worldwide. What started out as a ministry that placed Bibles in hotels has evolved into an expanding mission to provide Scriptures to all people in nearly every facet of life.

For over a century, people have shared with the Gideons their real-life stories of finding freedom from sin and lasting peace through the power of the Gospel. Many of these transformations began when they encountered a copy of God's Word placed or distributed by a Gideon or Auxiliary member.

Testimonies from people impacted by Gideon Bibles:

- Haingo was an atheist and street magician who burned the Scriptures he received from the Gideons - except one. He kept a copy to help him learn English, but as he read it, the Holy Spirit touched his heart. Haingo surrendered his life to Jesus Christ and later became a passionate pastor in the town of Vatomandry, Madagascar. What began as a tool for language learning became the spark of his salvation.
- Sarawathy received a Testament from the Gideons while in boarding school in South India. Feeling lonely, she began reading it and found comfort and truth. Her questions about God led to deep conversations, and she began secretly attending church, despite her father's strong opposition. She stood firm in her faith, was later baptized, and now serves as a government school headmistress and a Gideon's Auxiliary member. The New Testament, she says, led her to Christ and changed her life.

The local chapter of the Gideons, the Wachusett Camp, covers about 20 towns in Central Massachusetts. They distribute Bibles to Fitchburg State and also concentrate on nursing homes, hospitals, motels, and hotels. Their local camp secretary is Earl Kenney. Earl and his team are often found passing out Bibles at City United's Trunk or Treat event!

Prayer Requests:

- Pray that God will continue to reveal Himself to those that received a Bible and for many to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- Pray as Gideons across the world and here in the USA get ready to distribute thousands of Bibles on college and university campuses.
- Pray for our Gideons in Wachusett Camp (our local region) as they continue to meet the needs of those searching for the truth of the Gospel.
- Pray for those that print the Bible across the globe. Each year the Gideons hear testimonies of Bible assembly workers accepting Christ as they proof the Bibles that they are printing.

<https://www.gideons.org/blog>



Day 9: Al Doomy – Executive Director OTAN

Forty years ago, Otis and Roxann Goodwin (Jana Mortiz's parents) had no idea what "training and equipping persecuted Asian pastors" would look like. In 1986, Outreach To Asia Nationals (OTAN) consisted of a lawn chair in a spare bedroom and a bank account of \$750.

Today, OTAN reaches into more than 13 countries in Asia, training national pastors and leaders to teach, disciple, lead, and serve their own people in countries where sharing the story of the love of Jesus is restricted or even forbidden. They believe that OTAN was raised up by God for His use. They believe in not exceeding the authority of the local church. They are helping agents that can be used by the local church. OTAN focuses in on these values:

- Transformative Biblical training
- Multiplying churches
- Sacrificial generosity
- Relationally driven
- Encouraging the persecuted

Al Doomy joined OTAN as the Executive Director in August of 2018, after having served as senior pastor for Lighthouse Baptist Church in Eden, NC for 11 years. It was OTAN's founder, Otis Goodwin, who mentored him when he was called to be a missionary to far-east Russia in the late 90's.



One goal for OTAN for the upcoming year is to open the Goodwin Asia Training Center. The Goodwin Asia Training Center will provide a designated venue in an open Asian country for our pastors in oppressed regions to train, in addition to their in-country courses. It will serve as a second location for our residential 2-year discipleship school for young adults. Graduates of the discipleship school will also earn a TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) certification. The center will create opportunities for a new generation of American missionaries to immerse themselves in the cultures and people groups of Asia.

Prayer Requests:

- God is growing and expanding our ministry and influence at OTAN, which is a huge answer to prayer but has also increased our need as well.
- We're praying for **increased staff** to support this growth.
- Please, as always, remember our **national pastors** who serve in hardship.
- Ask for **wisdom** for us as we walk through open doors by faith and trust God for big things this year like the **Goodwin Asia Training Center**.

<https://otan.org/>





Day 10: Next Gen Ministries at City United Church

At City United Church we believe that our children are not the church of tomorrow, but the church of today. We believe that one of the roles of the church is to help disciple children by coming around parents and caregivers with love, support, accountability, and prayer. We become faithful brothers and sisters that provide additional voices of truth for children. We are here to supplement and strengthen children in their walk with Jesus. We accomplish this through City Kids, City Tweens, and City Teens. Over the next two days you will pray over each aspect of this ministry.



City Kids is led by Martha Boone and a talented and dedicated team of volunteers that provide biblical truth in Shine (nursery – 6 weeks to 4-years-old), Crosstown (4-years-old through 1st grade), and Konnect (2nd-4th grade) on Sunday mornings during both gatherings (9:00 & 10:30 AM).

Prayer Requests:

- Pray that children will understand who God is and what His purpose is for their lives.
- Pray for the teachers to be able to clearly explain the Gospel and biblical truths in age-appropriate ways.
- Pray for endurance for the volunteers.
- Pray that God will call more individuals to serve in City Kids so that we can open a 3 and 4-year-old classroom.



Uptown is a ministry designed for children with special needs. Our purpose is to provide an environment where every child feels included, celebrated, valued, and more importantly - where every child has the opportunity to learn about God and form a personal relationship with Him. Uptown takes place on Sunday's at 10:30 AM.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for more volunteers in this vital area of our church. We need lead teachers and more buddies to support the kids.
- Pray for safety and wisdom for the volunteers.
- Pray for breakthroughs in the kids' understanding of who God is.



Day 11: Next Gen Ministries (Cont. City Tweens & City Teens)

Today you will continue to pray for the various age groups that make up our Next Gen Ministries. Today we want to focus in on City Tweens and City Teens.



City Tweens meets on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:00 from September - June and is for students in 5th-7th grades. City Tweens' team leads are Ryan (Coach K) and Rebecca Kelley. Each week the students have a time of games that tie in with their topic/lesson, Bible study, and a small group discussion time.

Prayer Requests:

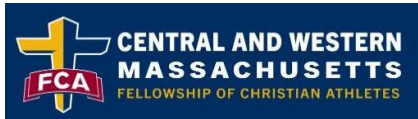
- Please pray for inventive ways to teach biblical concepts and stories!
- Pray that each student would truly fall in love with Jesus and that they would begin to build spiritual habits of daily being in God's Word and communicating with Him.
- Pray for energy and motivation for each volunteer to connect with our students on a personal level.
- Pray for hearts not to be stirred, but eternally changed with the Gospel!



City Teens is led by Chad and Charrington Wentworth and is for students in 8th-12th grades. They meet on Wed. nights from 6:30-8:15, Sept. - June. Their time is spent playing games and learning to become disciples of Jesus, through reaching them with topics that are relevant to what our students are experiencing. They also end each night with a group discussion for the guys and girls.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray that the teens would faithfully take the next steps in their walk with Christ.
- Pray that our teens would have boldness to stand for their faith and discernment to make wise choices in school, friendships, and every area of life.
- Pray that God would strengthen, encourage, and give wisdom to parents and mentors as they guide them.
- Pray that they will seek God's will and make wise decisions about work, school, careers, college, relationships, and their future.
- Pray that they would experience the joy and peace of Christ, even in the challenges, pressures, and uncertainty of the teenage years.
- Pray that God would use every success and every hardship to shape their character, deepen their faith, and help them become the men and women He has created them to be.



Day 12: Dan Barnes - Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is touching millions of lives, one heart at a time. Since 1954, FCA has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high, and youth levels to use the powerful platform of sports to reach every coach and every athlete with the transforming power of Jesus Christ. FCA focuses on serving local communities around the globe by engaging, equipping, and empowering coaches and athletes to unite, inspire, and change the world through the Gospel.

Dan Barnes is the Multi-Area Director for Central and Western Massachusetts. Dan and his wife, Kristie, were both born and raised in Massachusetts. In 2012, the Barnes were called to North Carolina to help another couple plant a Calvary Chapel Church. In February of 2016, Dan answered the call to return to Massachusetts as FCA's Central and Western Massachusetts Multi-Area Director. Dan writes, "The call to leave corporate America after 30 years in IT and enter the mission field with FCA started in 2014 when God gave me a burning desire to coach again." When his passion led him to explore faith-based sports ministries, he discovered FCA.



The two things that excite Dan the most about FCA are the prospect of creating safe places for like-minded athletes to gather on school campuses throughout Massachusetts and seeing coaches transformed through the Coaches' Ministry.

The Barnes are active in their church, and they each enjoy one-on-one discipleship of the seeking and newly saved. They have two sons, Jacob and Thomas, who enjoy playing baseball, basketball, and street hockey.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for spiritual covering and protection over the staff, coaches, and volunteers.
- Prayers that God would provide the resources to make over the field behind City United into a safe space for FCA to hold camps and clinics, and coach teams there.
- Pray that God would raise up more laborers for the fields in Massachusetts: coaches, staff, donors, board members, and volunteers.
- Pray that Dan, Emi, and Zoe would be fully-funded so we can all focus 100% on what God has called us to do.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment for Dan as he leads the effort to sustain the movement of God through FCA within Massachusetts.

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Day 13: Rocco “Rocky” A. Gammone Jr. – Pastor at On the Rock Community Church, New London, CT

On the Rock Community Church (OTRCC) is a church re-plant partnered with City United. The church, previously known as Huntington Street Baptist Church, was built in 1843. In 2023, Huntington Street Baptist Church made the decision to partner with the North American Mission Board and Send Network. In April 2024, Pastor Rocky and his family moved to New London to become the new pastor/church re-planter. They officially re-launched as On the Rock Community Church on Easter Sunday, 2025.

Pastor Rocky is passionate about faithfully preaching God’s Word, evangelizing the lost, and helping others grow in their faith. He loves sports, so the gym at the church has been relaunched and upgraded as a multi-sport facility for basketball and wiffle ball. His passion is to use the multi-purpose gym to earn the right to be heard in their community and draw people into the OTRCC family.

For the second year in a row, City United had the privilege of supporting Pastor Rocky and OTRCC by sending a team of sixteen volunteers in July, 2026. They served on a variety of projects including painting the gym, helping to restore the 183-year-old church building, and serving at “The Place for Community Well Being” in New London.



(L to R) Pastor Rocky, Rocky III, Sofie, Angie, Kim (down front) JoJo

Prayer Requests:

- Praise God for Rocky III’s (born Feb. 2023) health. Since last year the hole in in his heart has closed, and he no longer has a feeding tube. During the 26/27 school year he will be in school five days a week!
- Pray for safety and Christian friends for Angie, Sofie, and JoJo as they go through the 26/27 school year.
- Pray for continued strength and contentment for the entire family as they continue to minister in New London.
- Pray for Kim as she pursues outside work as a school paraeducator.
- Pray for new leaders to be raised up in the church over the next year.
- Pray that OTRCC will be an effective witness in their community.
- Pray that many will come to know Jesus as their Savior and join the OTRCC family.
- Pray for the staff at OTRCC, Rocky, Kim, and Trisch.

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Day 14: Operation Christmas Child

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local churches worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations. Through these gifts, they communicate to children and their families what the angel said to the shepherds about Jesus' birth: "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2:10, ESV).

In addition to bringing great joy to millions of boys and girls in need, every gift has been accompanied with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Many children have been invited to the follow-up lesson program designed especially for shoebox recipients. In the past 15 years alone, since The Greatest Journey was launched, over 17 million children have made decisions for Christ.



City United collection team,
Christmas 2025

Last year City United Church collected 269 boxes, and City Tweens packed 30 boxes with supplies donated during collection week! City United also was one of the collection centers in Central MA for Operation Christmas Child. In total, 1,017 boxes were processed through our location!



City Tweens
praying over
the boxes that
they packed.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for someone to take over as team lead at City United. (Mary Jo will work alongside of them)
- Pray for donations of packing party supplies between August and late September.
- Pray for a driver and a box truck to serve as delivery during the national collection week of November 16-23, 2026.
- Pray for more families to "fill a shoebox" starting in October.
- Pray that the City United drop off location in Central Massachusetts will encourage other churches to get their congregations involved in Operation Christmas Child.
- Pray for volunteers for National Collection week.
- Pray that the children who will receive the boxes will accept the invitation to learn about Jesus and share who He is with their families. Children globally receive the boxes at various times throughout the year.
- Pray for the thousands of volunteers who serve globally to facilitate the mission of OCC. Pray that they will be equipped for and blessed by their service.



Day 15: Vessel Skate Park Worcester, Massachusetts – Stephen Shoge, Director

Vessel Skatepark is a non-profit organization providing a free indoor skatepark and community space. Boards, scooters, and blades/skates are allowed. They opened on December 3, 2022.

Update from Stephen:

We have been able to open Vessel Skatepark for free to thousands of young people since we opened. We have become a staple in the skate community and helped change the lives of people throughout this community. During our regular season we stop and share the Gospel on Thursday nights and Sunday nights around 6pm. Giving young people a place to go, role models to learn from, and the hope found in Jesus is what they need more than anything.

This past year we have had some awesome conversations with guys, encouraged skaters in their faith and seen skaters come to church consistently. One of the skaters who comes to our church now has even started serving on the worship team, playing guitar and cajon. This summer we have worked together with skate shops and other ministries to put on more outdoor events which has helped us to continue building relationships during the slower season for our indoor park.



Prayer Requests:

- Pray that God would soften the hearts of the skaters who come to Vessel and that they would be receptive to the truth.
- Pray that our volunteer team and monthly support team would grow so that we are able to connect more, provide more, and bless more people.
- Pray for our family as we try to balance life in ministry.

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Another amazing thing about Vessel Skate Park is that on Sunday mornings you can attend City Light Church. Pastor Kevin McGinn leads this unique church that truly has a heart for its city. Come catch “some air” during the week and worship the Creator of all things on Sunday mornings.

<https://citylightmass.com>



Day 16: Disaster Relief New England: Ed Lucas, New England Director

For more than 50 years, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBD) volunteers have been found serving around the country, often first on the scene, and they remain long after news cameras have left town. As the third-largest disaster response group in the nation, this network of state-based/region-based volunteer teams do more than just clean up; they bring the healing of Christ to those whose lives have been shattered. Disaster Relief New England (DRNE) equips individuals and churches to make a difference in the wake of tragedies by meeting needs and sharing the love of Christ. Disaster Relief New England mobilizes volunteers to respond to disasters around the region and across the U.S. If you would like to find out more how you can be trained to be a part of the CU Disaster Relief team, contact Dennis Stott, dennis@cityunited.church.

Disaster Relief New England has also developed a program called READY CHURCH. READY CHURCH is a strategic plan to aid churches to prepare, connect, and respond in times of crisis. This new program helps churches plan their response to local crises including organizing and training volunteers, assigning roles, and learning how to be the light of Christ in their community.



Prayer Requests:

- Praise that in the last year, DRNE was the first to ever do Disaster Relief training in Spanish. The participants were trained in feeding, flood recovery, chainsaw, administration, and shower and laundry.
- Pray that through DRNE and READY CHURCH that all the different ethnic groups represented in New England will be involved.
- Almost anytime throughout the year, there is an urgent call out for people in New England to go and meet a disaster relief somewhere. Pray that more will be sensitive to God's call. <https://www.bcne.net/serve-new-england>
- Pray for more younger volunteers to be involved because of the demanding nature of the work.
- DRNE desires to build two new shower trailers in the next year. Please pray for at least two churches to step up and fund the project.
- Pray for Ed Lucas as he leads DRNE and as he organizes the deployments.

Annual Impact of SBD, which DRNE is a part of:			
780,365	164,231	42,400	4,194
<i>Volunteer Hours</i>	<i>Meals</i>	<i>Gospel Presentations</i>	<i>Professions of Faith</i>

<https://www.bcne.net/disasterrelief>



Day 17: Pastor “L” – BBFI Creative Access Nation

Pastor “L” and his wife are missionaries with BBFI and are doing God’s work in what is called a creative access nation (CAN). Due to the sensitivity of their work, we cannot give specific details on the ministry. We can tell you that they are making adjustments to a new area and are grateful for your prayers and God’s hand of protection on them.

Since 1950, the Baptist Bible Fellowship International has sent missionaries from all walks of life to evangelize, disciple, and plant churches in countries all over the world. They currently have over 700 missionaries serving in over 80 countries around the world. Please pray for them as they endeavor to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Prayer Requests:

- Pray as Pastor “L” is learning and teaching in a new language.
- Pray that they can build relationships that will open doors to sharing the Gospel.
- Pray that their unsaved loved ones will be receptive to the Gospel.
- Pray that God will open the eyes of many people to see the truth and to accept Jesus as their Savior.
- Pray for safety.
- Pray that God will use them for however long He has them ministering in this particular location.

<https://bbfimissions.com/>



Day 18: BCNE (Baptist Churches of New England)

Since 1983, the BCNE has been passionate about seeing more Christ-followers in New England. Although New England has a rich spiritual heritage, the modern statistics are heart-breaking. Of the 14.5 million people in New England, around half of them say they are not very religious, and roughly 60% report they seldom or never attend religious services. Less than 4% of New Englanders are part of an evangelical church. That means

there are about three times more atheists and agnostics in New England than Evangelical Christians. The five least religious states in the U.S. are located in New England, as are five of America's most post-Christian cities. This isn't surprising since almost one in five New England residents say they have no religious affiliation at all.

BCNE churches are extremely diverse. Their members include both some of the oldest churches in the country and brand-new church plants. Forty percent of the churches are non-Anglo, and churches in the BCNE worship in almost 20 different languages every week. Despite their varied backgrounds, they are united in the thing that matters most: a desire to spread the Gospel. They believe that we're stronger when we work together!

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the Executive Team at BCNE. Dr. Terry W. Dorsett Director & Treasurer, and Executive Treasure of the Baptist Foundation. Josh Presley, the Associate Executive Director and Joe Souza, Associate Executive Director & the Boston Area Coordinator. Joe works with mobilizing the next generation of ethnic leaders in New England.
- Praise. Last year 11 churches were added to the BCNE (bringing the new total of churches and church plants to 401).
- Pray for staff as they work with churches throughout New England and partner with, equip, and encourage churches to multiply Christ-followers.
- Pray for the BCNE board meetings that take place each March, June, and October.
- Pray for the Nexus Conference Annual BCNE meeting every November and for all of the participating churches.
- Pray for the BCNE's Collegiate Ministry Directors, Fady Ghobrial, Greater Boston and Daniel McGhee, New England.
- Pray for the Next Gen Ministries, Renee Ghobrial - Youth Ministry Director, Jonathan Moseley - Director of Faith and Work, Elizabeth Gezehagn - Youth Ministry Assistant. Youth Leadership New England offers churches four opportunities each year that equip Christian teens to grow in their faith, while training and encouraging adults who serve in church youth ministry. Pray that God will use this team to strengthen Next Gen Ministries throughout our region.

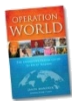
<https://www.bcne.net/>



Day 19: United Kingdom (Great Britain)



The United Kingdom is a country in northwestern Europe off the coast of the continental mainland. It comprises England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, with a population of over 69 million. The UK includes the island of Great Britain, the north-eastern part of the island of Ireland, and most of the smaller islands within the British Isles. The largest religious group is Christian at 57.1%; however, only 8.8% consider themselves Evangelical. Widespread immigration from strongly Christian nations (such as Nigeria, Brazil, others) brings new church life and growth. Around 1,500 Christian missionaries have come into the UK from the Americas, Africa, and Asia. Recent church growth came from conversions among Africans, Chinese, Polish, “Travelers” (Romani/Gypsy), and even some among South Asians and other groups.



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Prayer Requests: (from Operation World)

- Praise: The “Quiet Revival” in the UK has been an answer to prayers of many. Although its impact has not been evenly felt across the country, churches are growing, and many thousands are discovering true faith, not just a cultural faith. Much of this has been among the working class and the younger generation.
- The UK has contributed significantly to global Christianity for centuries, from Wycliffe and Tyndale to today with the Alpha Course, 24-7 Prayer, and many evangelical writers, theologians, and worship leaders. Pray for this influence to spark another “Great Revival.”
- Many immigrants come from the world’s least-evangelized nations and now live on the doorstep of Christian churches! Pray for God’s people to open their doors, homes, and hearts to the peoples around them. Pray for local congregations to plant new churches, reach new peoples, and glorify Jesus by partnership with believers from many lands.
- Christianity is increasingly marginalized by the media and public opinion. Government regulations make it increasingly difficult to minister in the public arena. Many believe serious persecution is not far off. Pray that believers may recognize and address the decline of Christianity in the public sphere. Pray that they may recover confidence in the Gospel and boldness and passion to share it - lovingly and unapologetically.
- Millions of children and youth are virtually untouched by the Gospel; because of Christians’ failure to adequately reach out and minister to young people, much of an entire generation is lost to the Church. Half of evangelical congregations have no specific children’s ministry; the rate is probably even less for non-evangelical churches. Unsurprisingly, churches with vibrant youth/children’s programs tend to be growing churches. Pray that God will open the eyes of church leaders to effectively reach the next generation.

<https://operationworld.org/>



Day 20: Pastor “J” – OTAN Creative Access Nation

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Update from Pastor J:

Our Vietnam ministry managers tell us that among the many challenges believers face is the cultural belief that ceasing to worship ancestors will cause havoc in villages and bad things to happen in people’s lives. New Christians are often blamed, threatened, and rejected by their community because of their faith. Pray for these brothers and sisters, that God would protect them as they share the Gospel and live their lives.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the Ministry Manager to Vietnam.
- Pray for financial support to help train more pastors.
- Pray for wisdom as Pastor “J” trains and seeks out local pastors.
- Pray as they seek new ways to educate/train local pastors.



Day 21: Erwin and Amy Santoso - BBFI, New Zealand

Erwin and Amy Santoso have been serving as missionaries to Auckland, New Zealand since February 2008. In April 2010, Erwin and Amy established International Baptist Church Central in Auckland City with 16 individuals who attended a Bible study group.

Update from Erwin:

I had the opportunity to meet a Muslim from "I" (the Middle East) through one of the men in our church who desired to know the Bible and Jesus Christ. He had been seeking the One true God, and after a few meetings with many questions and answers, I had the privilege of leading him to Christ and seeing him baptized in a private setting. His family was not happy that "M" became a Christian, and asked him not to share his decision with anyone because they could be persecuted for his decision. Such a glorious experience: leading a Muslim to Christ and seeing his life transformed by the Word of God!



Praise Report:

- Highest attendance for our annual church retreat
- Salvation and baptism of Irene, Abigail, and Toetu
- 12 faithful students in our Bible Training College
- Our good health and God's unfailing provision

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for God to raise up more godly leaders in our church & to call some to full-time ministry.
- Pray for Salvation: Savaii, Conner, Gary, Yuuki, Mark, Esther, Matthew, Sione, Doris, Yvonne, Chris, Jerome.
- Pray for God's strength and wisdom to lead and train believers for the ministry.
- Pray for God's protection, provision, and guidance for our family (three grown children, Abby, Anna, and Adeline).

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Day 22: Stewart Freeman, CRU - The Jesus Film Project, VR Missionary

Stewart serves with Jesus Film Project, leading its ministry in virtual reality and gaming. He enters some of the darkest places on the internet to share the hope of Jesus Christ with people all around the world. He identifies, equips, and empowers fruitful believers to launch multiplying Gospel movements within virtual reality and gaming communities. His desire is that those seeking bread in the depths of depravity would find that Jesus Christ is the true Bread of Life who alone satisfies.

Update from Stewart:

The Lord has given me the ability to speak the language of many of the people groups in VR, partly because, before I gave my life to Christ, I had chased after many of the false promises of hope in these spaces. I learned their language, both verbal and nonverbal, I learned what they chased after.

The Metaverse Ministry Tool Kit equips someone with the bare minimum knowledge on things they need to know for each platform, from walking into a world, to naturally leading a conversation into the Gospel, and what follow up and discipleship looks like. My desire is for many of the people in these spaces to come to know the Lord. This is one step in that direction. We will also be adding platforms as I learn what works and doesn't work in new places, so for example a teenager who wants to spread the Gospel in *Minecraft* would be able to be equipped in exactly what to do.



Prayer requests:

- Pray that God would lead me to individuals He has prepared to hear the Gospel.
- Pray for direction and discernment in finding laborers to multiply the Gospel.
- Pray for protection as the enemy attempts to disrupt how God is at work.
- Pray that more would see the importance of sharing the Gospel in every sphere they are in, spreading the aroma of Christ should not be turned off as we are online.

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Day 23: Wesley and Melina Lane – Baptist Bible Fellowship International, Dominican Republic

Wesley and Melina Lane have served as missionaries to the Island of Hispaniola (Haiti and the Dominican Republic) since the late 1980's. Wesley and Melina's ministry covers nearly 100 miles between the ministry in the capital and the city of Jarabacoa.

Update from Wesley:

We have been doing some construction at the Haitian church in Santo Domingo, adding some Sunday School space on a lot we purchased adjacent to the church years ago. We are also continuing to construct a large church in Retel, Haiti. Although I cannot visit there right now, I do send my Haitian construction boss across to supervise and carry funds. In Jarabacoa, Melina has been painting the camp building. We have been fixing screens and pouring more cement, all the while continuing to use it for church camp, youth activities for several churches, a men's retreat from missionary Eric Johnson's church in San Francisco and several weddings.



When immigration police are tough in the United States, the government here also gets tough and lately they have been really active in the Haitian communities here. That has had a big impact on our Haitian congregations because many of them are here illegally and are subject to deportation. Our Haitian church attendance is down by more than 25% and on some days even worse. In our Haitian church in the Santo Domingo, a normal attendance day is 150 - 200 and on special days we often have more than 300.

Prayer Requests:

- We are still looking for a suitable piece of land in Jarabacoa to build another church. We currently have two different congregations in two different languages in one building and we do not have enough room or time in the week for both churches to have a full schedule.
- Please pray for souls to be saved, for Christians to grow and to be grounded and be strengthened.
- Pray for our health, our security, and our support.
- Pray that the problems at the Haitian border can be resolved soon so they can resume normal travel to Haiti. Until the border is open, the Lane's cannot easily minister to Haiti.
- Pray for communication. Getting much-needed support into Haiti is difficult at best at this point.
- Pray for the Haitians who have crossed the border into the Dominican Republic. They cannot go back to Haiti at this time. Pray for those who have been cut off from their families in Haiti.

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Day 24: Serving Teams at City United

City United could not do all that we do to achieve the mission and vision of the church without our family of volunteers. Today we are asking you to pray for each serving team leader and our Groups Ministry leader. As always to find out more on how you can serve go to our website www.cityunited.church/serve.



Worship Team: Cara Cross & Ken Wilson



Connect: George Melillo



Tech Team: Ben Kraemer



Hospitality: Celine McClintock



Security Team: Dennis Stott



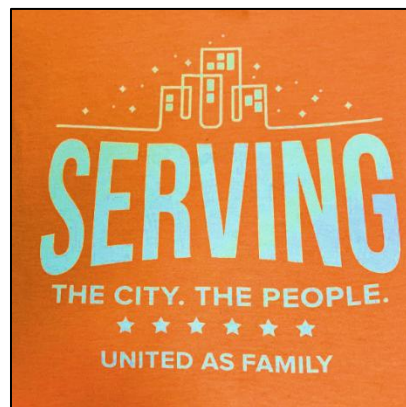
Ice Coffee: Josalyn Moritz



Parking Team: Shelby Lillie & Brian Smith



Groups Director: Prince Zogli





Day 25: Pastor “G” – Nepal

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Prayer Requests:

- First, getting money into the country is challenging. We tend to travel with money when we go in to minimize the wire transfers. The government doesn’t like the wire transfers, and we’ve had them hold them up for months at a times.
- Secondly, we are using the Bible Training Center for Pastors materials for the mobile Bible training. Al Doomy is heading that up along with “P” and that’s going quite well. We do that via Zoom calls or some of our leaders have been trained and they teach it themselves.
- Thirdly, our house. Yesterday, I had shoulder surgery, and my wife is waiting on a hip replacement. I’m doing well just limited in what I can do right now.
- I am trying to plan a time to go to Nepal in the near future. I was supposed to go in March but when the war broke out, we canceled that trip.



Day 26: Liberty Church Network (LCN)

“We are on a mission as a network of pastors, churches, chaplains, and disciple-makers to be committed to advancing the gospel of Jesus Christ and making new disciples in our cities, nation, and world.”

LCN believes that churches plant churches. They have a process in place by which they identify disciple-makers, pastors, teachers, and leaders and connect them with healthy LCN local churches. Through those LCN churches, they can provide a robust support system to equip, support, encourage, train, and fund new disciple-making local churches. They also partner with Liberty University to help with training and education.

They plant through their existing churches in cities/regions where they have LCN Local Centers. They provide assessment, training, and coaching for their planters and their teams through their LCN churches.



Praises:

- Praise the Lord for His continued faithfulness to Liberty Church Network!
- We rejoice in the 40 church planters currently in our pipeline.
- Thank God for the success of Refuel events held across the country.
- We have seen growing engagement among our member churches.
- Praise for the 10 churches that completed our Disciple Making Cohort in February, strengthening and revitalizing their churches through intentional disciple-making.
- We rejoice with the scholarship recipients who are furthering their education at Liberty to strengthen their ministry.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for wisdom and provision as we continue equipping church planters.
- Pray for lasting fruit from our Refuel events.
- Ask God for more churches to join the Liberty Church Network so that together we can fully fund and support new church plants.
- Pray for meaningful partnerships between our member churches.
- Pray for planters that will provide the financial support, encouragement, and accountability needed to establish healthy, disciple-making churches.

<https://libertychurchnetwork.com/>



Day 27: Cherith Hunt – IBM Global, Zambia

The World Health Organization estimates at least 5% or 360 million people around the world have moderate to severe hearing loss. The majority of these people live in low-income countries in Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa with little to no access to medical help, technological advances, or aid of any kind. In order to strategically meet this need, Cherith has been the Director of Sign Language & Deaf Studies at Central Africa Baptist University since 2019.

Update from Cherith:

God is at work to build his church among the least reached! Thanks to your partnership in the Gospel, 117 CABU Deaf Studies graduates currently serve in numerous churches and schools across Zambia. This semester, we have 86 students — roughly 40% of the student body — taking a sign language or Deaf Studies related course. This includes students from Zambia, South Sudan, South Africa, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Additionally, we have 3 deaf students pursuing training through the School of Bible.



Prayer Requests:

- **Financial sustainability:** Global economics has significantly impacted the university's budget this year. To continue and grow our impact at CABU in reaching the Deaf, we are praying for 25 partners who will commit to supporting the Deaf Studies program for \$100 per month for 2027.
- **Sign Language Interpreter:** Mid-2026 the Accessibility office lost one of its full-time Sign Language Interpreters. Since this is such a unique field, interpreters are incredibly challenging to replace. We are praying the Lord leads us to the right full-time person to join our team.
- **Health:** I have struggled with my health since October of 2025. Every few weeks I'm either down with malaria or other infections that have kept me on strong medications for much of the past 9 months. I value prayers for good health and stamina.
- **Spiritual Well-Being:** I covet prayers for both myself and my team that we will continue to grow in our knowledge and love for the Lord, that we will be protected from sin and pride, and that we will serve faithfully.

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Day 28: Vietnam



Vietnam is one of the few Communist countries left in the world. Vietnam, officially the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, is a country at the eastern edge of Mainland Southeast Asia. With an area of about 178,000 square miles and a population of over 102 million, it is the world's 16th-most populous country. Vietnam is bordered by China to the north, and Laos and Cambodia to the west. Its capital is Hanoi, while its largest city is Ho Chi Minh City.

Together with faith and perseverance, suffering and persecution dominate the story of Christianity in Vietnam. The situation since 2005 has seen some marked improvement, yet government harassment, duplicity, discrimination, and outright persecution continue to affect Catholics and Protestants today. Praise God that, through it all, the Church has persevered and grown. Only 9.4% of the population is Christian, with 1.8% Evangelical. The largest religion in Vietnam is Buddhist at 52.5%.

Most of the population was born after the Vietnam war, and the younger generations have more interest in wealth and the outside world than they do in Communist teachings and ideas. All open Protestant missionary work ended in 1975. Before that, the Christian and Missionary Alliance worked for 64 years. Other agencies came in the 1950's and by 1974 over 280 missionaries worked in South Vietnam. Those years of sowing the Gospel now reap a good harvest. Current economic development offers opportunities for Christians in business, English teaching, and aid projects.

Prayer Requests: (From Operation World)



- Pray for Vietnam to become fully open to Christian workers and for many to respond.
- Pray for the northern Vietnamese. This region had longer Communist presence and remain less evangelized than southern Vietnam.
- Christian leaders' development and theological training are the most urgent needs of the Vietnamese church. Pray for more opportunities for training and more theological books as well. As numbers increase, so does the potential for false teaching and error. Opportunities for training are still highly restricted and piecemeal.
- Many pastors are already responsible for multiple congregations and have no time or money for full-time training. Pray for creative, sustainable, and effective means of developing a new generation of Christian leaders.
- Pray for those in prison for their faith. There are still hundreds of Christians, including some Christian leaders, in prison. Most have endured imprisonment in grim conditions. Many prisoners have come to faith through such witness. Pray also for the families of those imprisoned that all their needs might be met.
- Pray for more Christian literature and media in Vietnam. Bible translation is an ongoing task. Many ethnic minorities lack the Word in their languages – 37 have a definite translation need. An easy-to-read Vietnamese Bible was published in 2008. Pray for the resources and people to complete the demanding task of translating those languages without God's word.

<https://operationworld.org/>



Day 29: Pastor “B” – Director of Outreach Training (OTC), Ministry to Muslims

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Our third and final ministry manager that we support through OTAN is Pastor “B.” The information will be more general, but we are asking you to be faithful in lifting up Pastor “B” in prayer and the local pastors he serves, equips, and trains.

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OTAN’s Ministry Goals are

- to reach unreached cities.
- to reach unreached people groups.
- to reach unreached countries through neighboring accessible countries.

OTAN’s objectives are

- to train national pastors in evangelism, discipleship, leadership training, and church planting.
- Mobilization of the local churches in America and Asia.
- Building an international prayer network.
- Partnering and investing in national pastors.
- Border ministry.



Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the Ministry Manager to the Middle East.
- Pray for safety as Pastor “B” travels and for safety for his family.
- Pray for wisdom as Pastor “B” trains and seeks out local pastors.
- Pray for protection for the local pastors and their families. Pray against the spirit of hate that is so prevalent in our world today.
- Praise for the Zoom Bible study groups that meet several times a year. Pray that the pastors will stay committed and faithful to the group.
- Pray for the local pastors and for those they shepherd. Pray for “hearts” not be stirred but for lives to be *changed* through the saving grace of Jesus Christ



Day 30: The Christian Law Association - Dr. David C. Gibbs Jr., Founder and President

In 1969, the ministry of CLA effectively began with a phone call from a pastor in Ohio. As a young attorney, David C. Gibbs, Jr. could hardly believe his ears as the pastor relayed how his church was being sued by the state for operating its ministry. Dr. Gibbs reviewed the legal documents and was astonished that such a thing could happen in modern America. The ministry of CLA has grown substantially since then, and through God's blessing over the decades, attorneys, legal assistants, and other ministry workers have joined our team.

Today, CLA receives in excess of 100,000 phone calls annually, not counting the thousands of pieces of correspondence from people all over the nation and all over the world. CLA is able to keep providing free legal services because of the generosity of God's people just like you, and it is because of this generosity that we are able to preserve Christian liberty for your children and grandchildren. The Lord has opened so many wonderful opportunities for our ministry to help across the United States of America.



Here are just a few prayer requests from your corner of the country in the New England area:

In Connecticut:

- A ministry called our offices regarding a tax assessment on one of the ministry buildings. It's always good to know what a ministry must do to keep its tax exemption.
- A young Christian is having difficulties receiving government assistance for her mother because the Bible college she attends is considered unaccredited. It is always a blessing to help provide guidance to college students working to serve the Lord.
- A new church plant is starting and the pastor contacted our office for resources in helping him know where to begin. Our legal team is excited to help a new church get started.

In Maine:

- A pastor had concerns over the safety of a family in the church, and our attorneys were able to give guidance on how to move forward with those concerns.
- A church is getting construction done on its property, and a church member was gracious enough to provide for the work. Our attorneys are offering guidance on compensation and donations regarding the work being done.

These are just small snippets of the many legal concerns so many Christians have.

- We always ask for prayer that the Lord will grant wisdom and strength to everyone we serve daily.
- The local church is so important, and we never take for granted that we get to help ministries and Christians with questions like these.

<https://christianlaw.org/>



Day 31: Day of Prayer for Virtual Reality Missionaries

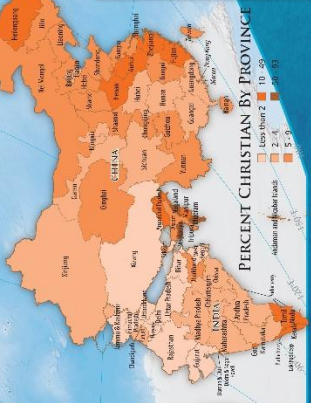
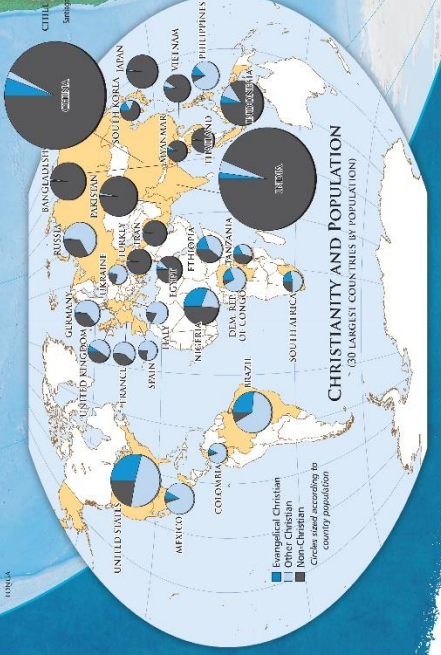
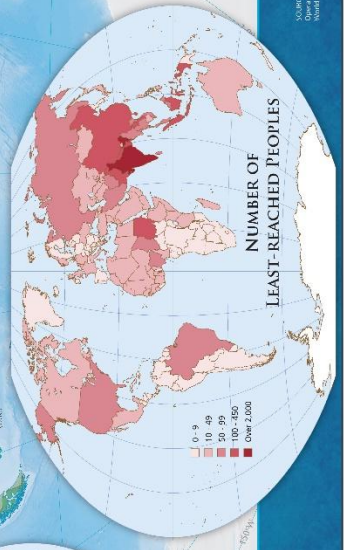
Last year we introduced you to our VR missionary, Stewart Freeman (Day 22) and how to pray for those living in VR. This year we want to take one day each month to pray for all of the missionaries that work in VR.

Virtual Reality Missionary Prayer Guide for Today:

- Pray for spiritual protection and focus as they build relationships and witness to those in VR.
- Pray that missionaries maintain healthy physical boundaries and do not become exhausted from staring at screens and living in hybrid digital realities.
- Pray that God will guard them against online hostility: Ask God to protect their minds and spirits from the intense negativity, cynicism, and spiritual darkness often present in anonymous online chat rooms.
- Pray that the VR missionaries will remain anchored in reality. Pray they stay deeply connected to family, a physical, local church, and tangible community so they do not become isolated.
- Effectiveness in Digital Ministry Building requires genuine relationships: Pray that interactions behind digital avatars turn into authentic human connections where people feel truly seen, heard, and valued.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment: Ask God to give them the right words to say and the ability to spot who is genuinely searching for truth versus who is just trolling or arguing.
- Pray for open digital doors: Pray that algorithms, online spaces, and virtual environments lead hurting or lost individuals directly across the path of these digital-space workers.
- Pray for steady internet connections, functioning hardware (headsets, computers), and the financial provision to maintain and upgrade their digital tools.
- Pray for fruitful conversations that lead to lasting discipleship.
- Pray for conversations started in a virtual world to successfully transition into real-world life change and connection to local fellowships of believers.



Largest Evangelical Populations (millions)	Percentage of population
USA	91.8
China, PRC	75.4
Nigeria	48.8
India	26.3
Korea	20.0
Indonesia	13.0
Congo-DRC	12.7
Uganda	12.5
South Africa	10.6
Mexico	9.2
South Korea	8.2
Chad	5.9
United Kingdom	5.5
Angola	4.3
Kenya	4.2
Argentina	3.7
South Sudan	3.6
Guatemala	3.5
Colombia	3.4
Puerto Rico	3.4
Zambia	3.4
Egypt	3.3
Malawi	3.1
Venezuela	3.1
Australia	3.1
Malawi	3.1



1	China, PRC	1,206.6	7.68	20	Uruguay	4.5		
2	India	1,174.5	17	Turkey	57.7	30	Iran	45.0
3	Indonesia	242.5	10	<i>Soviet Union</i>	257.0	31	Ukraine	44.0
4	United States	255.6	11	<i>United Kingdom</i>	56.3	32	France	42.0
5	United States	255.6	11	<i>India (1980)</i>	70.1	33	Spain	40.0
6	Pakistan	104.4	12	Poland	32.7	34	Argentina	40.7
7	Philippines	70.0	13	<i>People's Republic of China</i>	67.8	35	Italy	38.7
8	Nigeria	103.8	14	Democratic Republic of Congo	27.0	36	Japan	38.7
9	South Africa	102.4	15	China	11.9	37	Sweden	38.2
10	Russia	129.2	16	<i>United States</i>	2.7	38	Belgium	36.2
11	<i>Maldives (1981)</i>	114.8	17	<i>United Kingdom</i>	0.7	39	Finland	35.2
12	<i>United States</i>	22.0	18	United Kingdom	26.6	40	Spain	34.8
13	<i>United States</i>	20.6	19	Italy	60.1	41	France	34.8
14	<i>United States</i>	18.8	20	<i>United States</i>	36.6	42	Canada	33.4
15	<i>United States</i>	18.8	21	<i>United States</i>	36.6	43	Sweden	33.4
16	<i>United States</i>	23.2	22	<i>United States</i>	36.6	44	Italy	32.8
17	<i>United States</i>	23.2	23	<i>United States</i>	36.6	45	<i>United States</i>	31.8
18	<i>United States</i>	23.2	24	<i>United States</i>	36.6	46	<i>United States</i>	31.8
19	<i>United States</i>	23.2	25	<i>United States</i>	36.6	47	<i>United States</i>	31.8
20	<i>United States</i>	23.2	26	<i>United States</i>	36.6	48	<i>United States</i>	31.8
21	<i>United States</i>	23.2	27	<i>United States</i>	36.6	49	<i>United States</i>	31.8
22	<i>United States</i>	23.2	28	<i>United States</i>	36.6	50	<i>United States</i>	31.8
23	<i>United States</i>	23.2	29	<i>United States</i>	36.6	51	<i>United States</i>	31.8
24	<i>United States</i>	23.2	30	<i>United States</i>	36.6	52	<i>United States</i>	31.8
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29	<i>United States</i>	23.2	35	<i>United States</i>	36.6	57	<i>United States</i>	31.8
30	<i>United States</i>	23.2	36	<i>United States</i>	36.6	58	<i>United States</i>	31.8
31	<i>United States</i>	23.2	37	<i>United States</i>	36.6	59	<i>United States</i>	31.8
32	<i>United States</i>	23.2	38	<i>United States</i>	36.6	60	<i>United States</i>	31.8
33	<i>United States</i>	23.2	39	<i>United States</i>	36.6	61	<i>United States</i>	31.8
34	<i>United States</i>	23.2	40	<i>United States</i>	36.6	62	<i>United States</i>	31.8
35	<i>United States</i>	23.2	41	<i>United States</i>	36.6	63	<i>United States</i>	31.8
36	<i>United States</i>	23.2	42	<i>United States</i>	36.6	64	<i>United States</i>	31.8
37	<i>United States</i>	23.2	43	<i>United States</i>	36.6	65	<i>United States</i>	31.8
38	<i>United States</i>	23.2	44	<i>United States</i>	36.6	66	<i>United States</i>	31.8
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46	<i>United States</i>	23.2	52	<i>United States</i>	36.6	74	<i>United States</i>	31.8
47	<i>United States</i>	23.2	53	<i>United States</i>	36.6	75	<i>United States</i>	31.8
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