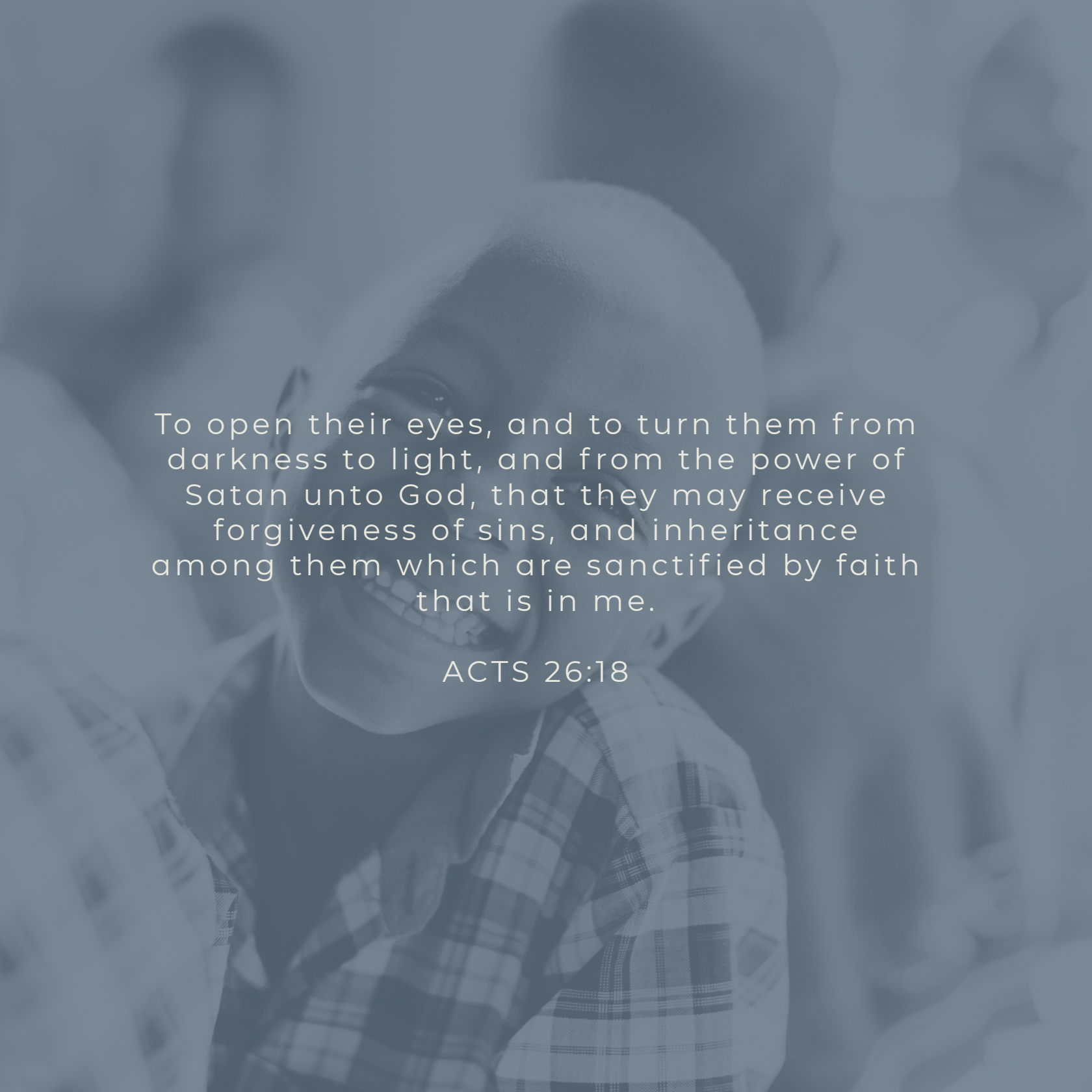


2024 GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 19-22



To open their eyes, and to turn them from
darkness to light, and from the power of
Satan unto God, that they may receive
forgiveness of sins, and inheritance
among them which are sanctified by faith
that is in me.

ACTS 26:18

DEAR DBC FAMILY,

Welcome to Global Impact Celebration! We are looking forward to a great time together as we celebrate all that God has done in and through Decatur Baptist Church for the cause of world evangelization. Thank you for your faithfulness to God and His mission in the world.

Our theme this year is Turning Point. It comes from Acts 26:18, "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." Paul's encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus involved his call to, through the gospel, create a turning point in the lives of those who had never heard.

That call hasn't changed. Those who have turned to God are called to take that life-giving message to the world. May we be able to say, like the Apostle Paul, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

Here are some specific things to pray for over the next 28 days.

1. Pray that God would open our eyes to the scope of His calling.
2. Pray that God would reveal your specific role in fulfilling that calling.
3. Pray that God would give you a project to become physically involved in.
4. Pray that God would show you how much He would have you to give to missions over the coming year.
5. Pray that God would help us to raise the needed special project funds:

Maithili Church Planter Training	\$50,000
Albanian Bible Project	\$50,000
Philippines Church Building Project	\$35,000
Brazil Church Building Project	\$25,000
Brandon Smith Scholarship	\$25,000
Haden Bible Project	\$15,000
6. Pray that God would give our GIC speaker, Erion Vogli, the messages that He desires for us to hear.
7. Pray that we would all have "ears to hear" what God wants to say to us.
8. Pray that our missionary guests will be refreshed and encouraged while they are with us.
9. Pray for the safety and health of our missionaries traveling to and from our GIC.

When we pray God's will, we know that He hears and answers our prayer; it is God's will that all the world come to Him through the forgiveness that is in Jesus Christ. Let's pray this month, full of faith, believing that God is going to use us to reach the world with the message of the gospel!

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING!



PASTOR JOE MCKAIG

GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

5 PM Church-wide dinner in the Gym *(please sign up)*

6:30 PM Worship service in Holmes Chapel

Introduction of missionaries

Speaker | Erion Vogli

Children will have a separate activity

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

11:30 AM – 1 PM Leadership Lunch in the Gym *(adults only; must sign up)*

6:30 PM Mission Mingle with small groups *(check with small group for location)*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

8:30 – 11 AM Children's activity

9 – 11 AM Ladies Brunch in Holmes Chapel *(middle and high school girls welcome; please sign up)*

9 AM – 1 PM Men's breakfast, Topgolf and lunch *(must sign up; meet in the Gym)*

6:30 PM Boxed meal and Missionary Interviews in Holmes Chapel *(please sign up)*

Children will have a separate meal and activity

GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

- 8:30 AM** Missionaries speak in small groups
- 10 AM** Worship service in the Auditorium
Speaker | Erion Vogli
Faith Promise | Special Offering
- 4 PM** Albanian Bible Translation presentation in Holmes Chapel
- 5:45 PM** Worship service in the Auditorium
Faith Promise | Special Offering
Missionary Christmas
Speaker | Erion Vogli
Life Commitments | Missionary Champions
Special Offering announcement

Schedule is subject to change. Please visit the DBC website for the latest schedule.

SPECIAL OFFERING GOAL

MAITHILI CHURCH PLANTER TRAINING \$50,000

ALBANIAN BIBLE PROJECT \$50,000

PHILIPPINES CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT \$35,000

BRAZIL CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT \$25,000

BRANDON SMITH SCHOLARSHIP \$25,000

HADEN BIBLE PROJECT \$15,000

TOTAL GOAL **\$200,000**



2025 VISION

TAKE ROOT, BEAR FRUIT, GO FORTH
ISAIAH 37:30-32

TAKE ROOT

- Develop a training institute to equip members of DBC for ministry or to serve as pastors/missionaries
- Enlist members to serve as Missionary Champions for every missionary/missionary project
 - 80 in 2021, 121 in 2022, 147 in 2023, 168 in 2024
- Begin a Community Impact Celebration (CIC) to emphasize local needs/mobilize DBC to meet needs
- Provide opportunities for spiritual growth through the Living Faith Fellowship Conferences
 - Mission Focus (Kansas City, MO), Disciple Conference (Cartersville, GA), and Certainty Conference (New Philadelphia, OH)
- Train 7,500 church planters in India and Nepal through our partnership with the Maithili Alliance - 6,330
- Conduct a Refresh Conference to train/encourage our missionaries (partnering with Grace and Truth International) - 2021 Mexico, 2024 Thailand

BEAR FRUIT

- Enhance existing and develop new outreach ministries and events in Decatur/Morgan County
 - Super Sunday, Alabama Jubilee, Celebrate America, Depot Days, Frontier Days, Fall Festival, Decatur Christmas Parade
- Mobilize DBC members to serve in local ministries - All CIC Impact Partners from 2021-2024
- Plant 12,000 churches through our members and partnerships with other ministries - 46,276
- Plant a church in every Maithili Village - 6,150
- Engage an unengaged, unreached people group through the Maithili church planters

GO FORTH

- Send a team of DBC members to plant a church in our region
- Send 15 short-term (a month or less) missions teams 22 out of 15 – Albania; Belize; Dominican Republic; Louisville, Kentucky; Kenya; Malawi; Mexico; Philippines; Thailand; Zambia
- Send 9 long-term (a month or more) missions teams 5 out of 9 – Tim and Kristi Hill, Trent Holmes, Adam and Kimberly Haden, Michael and Regina Hudson, Christopher and Shannan Scott
- Send 3 DBC singles or families to the mission field 1 out of 3 – Justin and Mandy Bedwell

 = Completed

 = In Progress

PROSPECTIVE MISSIONS JOURNEYS

2024 - 2025

JUDEA

Boston, Massachusetts - Mike Reneau - date TBD

Portland, Oregon - Thomas Harding - date TBD

Louisville, Kentucky - Centershot with Aaron Scheer - May 8-10, 2025

SAMARIA

Chile - Jason Holt - November 4-13 *(registration closed - team is full)*

Dominican Republic - Lee Carter - date TBD

Nicaragua - Steve Kern - March 22-29, 2025

AFRICA

Zambia - Joseph Haden - date TBD

Zambia - Justin Bedwell - October 20-November 1 *(registration closed - team is full)*

Kenya - Shaun Vance - date TBD

EUROPE/MIDDLE EAST

England - Brian Clark - June 3-10, 2025

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

PARTNER WITH US



BE A MISSIONARY CHAMPION

Commit to champion one of our missionaries. Fill out the Life Commitment Card or the form at the bottom of our GIC page on our website to become a Missionary Champion.



GO ON A MISSIONS JOURNEY

Visit our website and click on the “Missions” tab for more information.



GIVE FINANCIALLY

Fill out a Faith Promise Card online or in person to commit to what God is leading you to give to the cause of world evangelization over the next year.

MISSIONARY CHAMPIONS

As a Missionary Champion, you will build a relationship with one of our missionaries for one year. At the end of the year, you can continue to champion the same missionary or choose a new one. Over the course of the year, you will pray for them daily, correspond with them weekly, and share any needs they might have at our monthly missions-focused House of Prayer.

Choose a missionary from this list to champion. Write the name of the missionary and your information on the Life Commitment Card and turn it in on Sunday, September 22nd. **If you wish to continue championing your current missionary, please fill out the Life Commitment Card again this year.**

JERUSALEM TEAM

Theresa Cox*

First Priority of Greater Decatur

David and Amanda Mote*

Neighborhood Christian Center

Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Center

The Circle Ranch

First Priority of Greater Decatur

Larry and Jessica Franks*

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

DT and Jhorden Shackelford

Veronna and Jay Keen

North Alabama

North Alabama

North Alabama

Morgan County

Decatur, Alabama

Morgan County

JUDEA TEAM

Jeff and Erla Bartell*

Randy and Cyndi Copeland*

James and Stacy DeKoker*

Larry and Charlotte Franklin

Shannon and Joan Hampton

Thomas and Amber Harding

Harvest Deaf Ministries

Stanley and Lynn Kilgore

Mike and Meredith Reneau

Aaron and Jennifer Scheer*

Mike and Liz Schorr

Jay and Ali Schug*

First Baptist Church

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

Oakland Heights Baptist Church

Int. Children's Missionary Enterprises

Project Portland

Reggie and Kim Rempel

4G Ministries

Living Faith Boston

Centershot Ministries

Seeds of Grace Transport

Community Fellowship Baptist Church

New Philadelphia, Ohio

Moulton, Alabama

Cartersville, Georgia

USA

North Carolina

Portland, Oregon

Ringgold, Georgia

USA

Boston, Massachusetts

USA

USA

Huntsville, Alabama

SAMARIA TEAM

Larry and Tammy Allred*

Wayne and Glynda Anderson

Margarito and Sylvana Bolon

Raymond and Anita Bradley

Ralph and Xochitl Canada

Lee and Heather Carter*

Norberto and Griselda Gimenez

Jason and Lori Holt

Steve and Pam Kern

Sean and Stephanie Lunday

Rom and Rachel Ribeiro

Paulo and Marilza Tavares

Maya Missions

Maya Missions

Connect Global

Good News in Action

Amazon for Christ

Mexico

Belize

Belize

Peru and Ecuador

Latin America

Dominican Republic

Argentina

Chile

El Salvador

Brazil

Brazil

Brazil

AFRICA

Justin and Mandy Bedwell*
Brad and Tonya Brandon
Wes and Rachel Gazaway
Mario and Dianah Genada
Yohannes and Kidist Getaneh
Joseph and Sheri Haden*
Jeremy and Rebekah Hall
Brian and Phyllis Kaoma
Todd and Kim Smith
Shaun and Jeri Vance*
Chris and Joni Weaver
Josh and Bethany Wormley

Across Nigeria

Zambia
Nigeria
Egypt
Zambia
Zambia
Zambia
South Africa
Malawi
Zambia
Kenya
Malawi
Kenya

ASIA

Far East Broadcasting
Eddie and Cindy Mills
Jon and Nolin Nelms
Andrew and Rachael Ong
Baldomero and Teresita Pasignahin
Zuriel and Aida Pasignahin
Mitch and Baljmaa Tillman
Angelito and Carolina Valencia
Chris and Anne White

Final Frontiers
Living Faith Saigon

Harbor Evangelism International

Asia
Asia
India
Vietnam
Philippines
Philippines
Mongolia and Thailand
Philippines
Asia

EUROPE / MIDDLE EAST

Ashty Bahro
Raji Baroudi
Eric and Lacey Brown
Brian and Mindy Clark
Kale and Brooke Horvath
Loreen Ittermann
Fatmir and Neleta Macaj
Rafael and Sandra Murillo
Jim and Suzanne Taglialatela
Erion and Jonida Vogli

Middle East
Middle East
Ireland
London, England
Hungary
Moldova
Albania
Middle East
Spain
Albania

**Pastors and/or Missionaries sent out by DBC*



ERION VOGLI

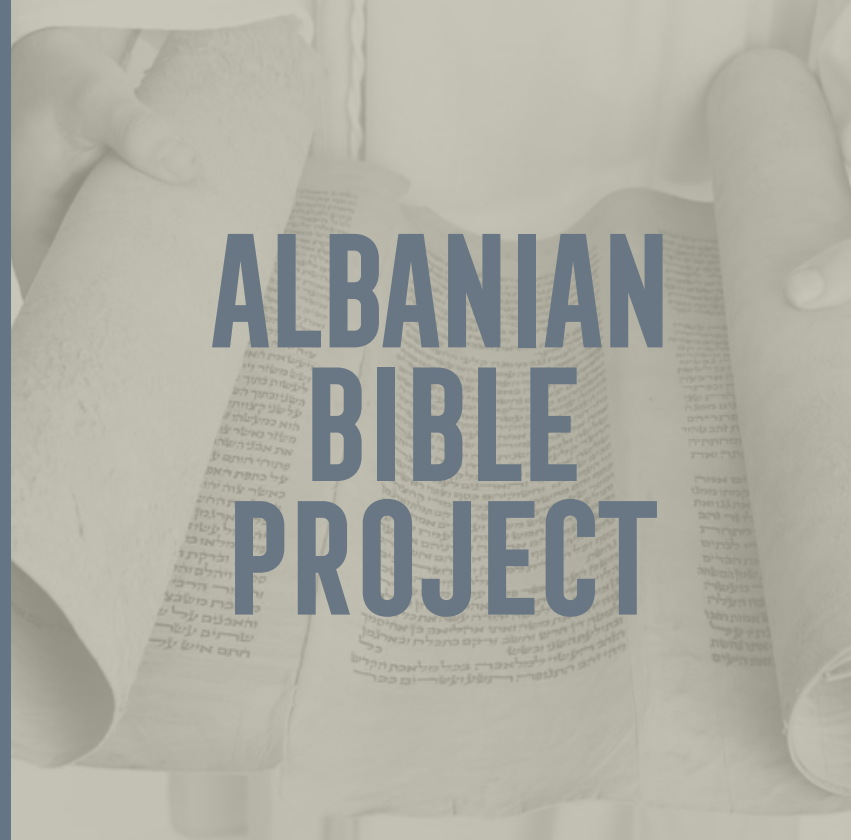
SPEAKER

Erion Vogli is a native Albanian believer who was saved under the ministry of missionary Jeff Bartell in the early 90s after the fall of communism in Albania.

Early on in his Christian walk, God put a desire in Erion's heart to study the Scriptures, to teach them to other believers, and to serve in various ministries at Tirana Bible Baptist Church. He moved to the United States to complete his college education and has served in church planting, Bible teaching, and training both in the States and in Albania.

God has given Erion and his wife, Jonida, a desire to take on a new ministry - to produce an accurate translation of the Bible in the Albanian language. They began the Albanian Bible Project in September 2021. Along with the translation of the Bible, they aim to produce a dictionary of the Bible, a website in Albanian with advanced search and study tools, and smartphone applications. They are currently close to finishing the New Testament.

After the fall of communism, a Bible translation was done in record time to produce a Bible that Albanian-speaking people could read since a complete Bible did not exist until then. Unfortunately, while that served as a good start, it also had many issues that would be visited later in a revision. The revision, done a few years later, introduced even more problems, and today there is still not an accurate translation of God's Word in Albanian.



ALBANIAN BIBLE PROJECT

MISSION

To provide an accurate translation of the Bible in the Albanian language, from the King James English Bible. This translation will be supported by Bible study tools such as Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, Bible dictionaries, etymological dictionaries, synonyms dictionaries, and a long list of books and supporting materials in manuscript evidence, translation resources, etc.

VISION

To provide the Albanian church with an accurate translation of the Bible that anyone with the desire and the guidance of the Holy Spirit can read, study, and grow thereby.

LEE AND HEATHER CARTER

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

After serving bi-vocationally in the Kansas City area for nearly 20 years, Lee joined the staff at Decatur Baptist Church to serve full time. While at Decatur Baptist, he had the opportunity to make several short-term mission journeys, many of which were to the Dominican Republic. After returning from the twelfth trip, God made it clear He was calling Lee and his family to the Dominican. In 2019 the Carters surrendered to serve full time in the DR, and in July of 2020 Lee, Heather, and their daughter, Bethany, moved to Santo Domingo. They currently live in the barrio of Valiente where they have established their first church, Primera Iglesia Bíblica en Valiente. They have seen hundreds receive Christ, many baptized, and many begin the process of discipleship.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the people in Valiente to be prepared to step into discipleship.
- Pray that the Carters would be strong, courageous, and faithful to deliver the gospel message to the Dominican people.
- Pray for God's provision to complete the mission house project.
- Pray for their family that they are away from while serving in the foreign field (Lee's and Heather's elderly parents in Kansas City and Travis and his family in Arizona).

LARRY AND JESSICA FRANKS

FIRST PRIORITY • ALABAMA

Larry and Jessica have two daughters, Chelsea and Hannah, one son-in-law, Kelby, and two grandkids, Mason and Lynlee. After 10 years of serving as youth and children's pastor at Decatur Baptist Church, in November of 2014, Larry became the full-time Executive Director of First Priority of Greater Decatur. His heart's passion is to see students come to know Christ and have a personal and thriving relationship with Him. First Priority started in 2009 on 18 campuses and has grown to currently serve 70 campuses in Morgan, Lawrence, and Cullman counties with the potential of reaching over 37,000 students with the gospel. The ministry of First Priority Greater Decatur has seen over 6,400 students make decisions for Christ on these public school campuses. In 2019, First Priority brought on the ministry called Clothe Our Kids. Clothe Our Kids works directly with school systems to clothe children in need. They recently surpassed the 8,000th student clothed through this ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for good health and safety for Larry, his family, and their entire staff.
- Pray that God would open doors and break down walls of the administration in some of the schools so they can start First Priority clubs on those campuses.
- Pray for the expansion into the Cullman area and schools – open doors, connections, etc.
- Pray for continued favor with churches, businesses, and individuals as First Priority seeks additional funding as God continues to grow and expand the ministry into more schools and counties.



THOMAS AND AMBER HARDING

PROJECT PORTLAND • OREGON

Thomas surrendered his life to Christ at First Baptist Church New Philadelphia in 2008 and was discipled and trained there. Thomas' work in ministry began by teaching the Bible in a local jail and addiction recovery program. In 2017 the Hardings moved to Georgia to serve at Oakland Heights Baptist Church where Thomas most recently served as the discipleship pastor. In 2023 Thomas went on a church-planting survey trip to Portland, Oregon, where he saw the dark spiritual state of the city. Since then, Thomas has been taking regular trips to Portland to share the gospel – and there has been fruit! Thomas, Amber, and their three sons moved to Portland in 2024. They and their team are now in the beginning stages of planting a new church in the city.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for open doors – that the team would enter into relationships and opportunities for ministry.
- Pray for fruit – that they would find those that are 'white to harvest' and lead them to Christ.
- Pray for the team – that they would grow together in unity and effectiveness in ministry.

FATMIR AND NELETA MAČAJ

ALBANIA

In 1995 Fatmir started attending the Bible Baptist Church of Tirana, Albania, where he was discipled and began serving in ministry. In 2015 he was presented with the need to help in a new ministry for widows and orphans in Bathore, Albania. After prayer and God's leading, Fatmir knew that this would be the next field where he and his family would serve the Lord.

A large crowd gathered for their first meeting where the gospel was shared, and some were saved. They continued to have meetings for all different ages, and at the end of the year, the church was started. Fatmir has served as the pastor of Kisha Biblike Bathore since 2019.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the children and youth to grow in faith and become disciples of Christ. Their parents are unsaved. Technology, materialism, and emigration are plagues of society.
- Pray for new open doors for the gospel.
- Pray for a new building with a parking area that will allow them to multiply the ministry.



JIM AND CADIE

ASIA

Jim and Cadie have served on the continent of Asia since 2002. In the early days they studied the language and culture through the language program, International Education and Exchange Association (IEEA). The function of the IEEA was to help the educational system of the area by placing qualified native English-speaking teachers in local schools, colleges and universities. Jim served as the regional director for the IEEA and he also assisted in Bible teaching and preaching. After 22 years serving the Lord in Asia, Jim and Cadie have permanently returned to the States. They have been instrumental in planting eight self-supporting churches along with discipling and ordaining four pastors who are currently leading these eight churches. They have also been working on translating the Bible into the language of the people in their area for the past several years.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the pastors – safety and wisdom to preach and lead.
- Pray for the safety of the churches.
- Pray for the continued work in their Bible translation efforts.

REGGIE AND KIM REMPEL

HARVEST DEAF MINISTRIES · GEORGIA

Reggie and Kim joined Baptist International Missions, Inc, in 1983 and began serving as missionaries to the deaf. They began deaf ministries in local churches around the United States and later established a week-long summer camp in order to bring the different ministries together. Through the camp, many deaf young people began surrendering to serve in full-time ministry. At that time, there were no Bible colleges open for the deaf to attend and receive training, so Reggie felt the need to open a Bible college.

In 1994, Reggie and Kim sold their home and used the escrow funds to purchase a farm in Ringgold, Georgia. This spring they celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Harvest Deaf Bible College. The campus in Ringgold now houses a church for the deaf, the Bible College, and the deaf camp they began many years ago. Missionaries to the deaf trained through Harvest Deaf Bible College are serving all over the world in countries such as Nepal, Brazil, Cambodia, Dominican Republic, and others. Graduates have also planted churches for the deaf all over the United States.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Kim's health (cancer).
- Pray for more students to attend the Bible college
- Pray for their family.



ROM AND RACHEL RIBEIRO

BRAZIL

Rom and Rachel have been church planters in Brazil since 1993. They have established seven Bible-believing churches, a Bible institute, and a Christian school. Rom broadcasts over the radio two times daily, seven days a week. He graduated from Bob Jones University with a BA in Pastoral Studies/Business Administration and with an MS in Educational Leadership. Rachel was born into a missionary family and is a third-generation missionary. She graduated from Pensacola Christian College with a BS in Music Education. They have two daughters, Rochelle and Roxanne. Roxanne and her husband, Bruno, are missionaries on deputation preparing to return to Brazil as church planters as well.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for God's power, presence, protection, and provision (spiritual, physical, material) in their lives.
- Pray for the two new churches of their ministry and the funds to purchase land and build a church building.
- Pray for their daughter Roxanne and her husband Bruno as they are on deputation preparing to return to Brazil as missionaries.

EDDIE AND SARAH ZISS

PHILIPPINES

After a short-term mission trip to Tagum City, Mindanao, Philippines, in 2016. Eddie and his wife Sarah saw the need for church planting and disciple-making churches. In June 2019 Eddie took his family to the Philippines on a vision tour for two months. This trip solidified their call to the Philippines after seeing the need to plant a strong local church and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the Filipino people. Their time in the Philippines has been focused on helping churches with one-on-one discipleship and training members in effective children's ministry teaching. In 2021 Freedom Baptist Church was established. They also plan to establish a Bible institute to train pastors and missionaries.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for many new people to be saved and discipled.
- Pray for personal physical and spiritual health as they continue to minister in the Philippines.
- Pray for the future Bible institute.



28 DAYS OF PRAYER GUIDE

Here is a prayer guide with daily prayer points and Scripture to help you pray for the Global Impact Celebration. Let the Holy Spirit guide you as you pray through these each day. You can download a full version of this prayer guide on the GIC page on our website.

DAY 1 - AUGUST 22

Pray for open doors (divine opportunities).
Colossians 4:2-3

DAY 2 - AUGUST 23

Pray for boldness.
Ephesians 6:19

DAY 3 - AUGUST 24

Pray that God's Word will spread.
2 Thessalonians 3:1

DAY 4 - AUGUST 25

Pray for protection.
2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

DAY 5 - AUGUST 26

Pray for effective ministry.
John 15:5

DAY 6 - AUGUST 27

Pray for refreshment.
Matthew 11:28-30

DAY 7 - AUGUST 28

Pray for strength and perseverance.
Isaiah 40:31

DAY 8 - AUGUST 29

Pray for protection from health-related incidents.
Proverbs 29:25

DAY 9 - AUGUST 30

Pray for encouragement.
Philippians 2:1-5

DAY 10 - AUGUST 31

Pray for provision.
Philippians 4:19

DAY 11 - SEPTEMBER 1

Pray for the gospel to do its work through the Holy Spirit.
Luke 4:18

DAY 12 - SEPTEMBER 2

Pray for joy in trials.
Nehemiah 8:10

28 DAYS OF PRAYER

GUIDE

DAY 13 - SEPTEMBER 3

Pray for open eyes.
Acts 26:16-18

DAY 14 - SEPTEMBER 4

Pray for open hearts.
2 Corinthians 4:6

DAY 15 - SEPTEMBER 5

Pray for the ministry of discipleship.
Matthew 28:19-20

DAY 16 - SEPTEMBER 6

Pray for perseverance.
Galatians 6:9

DAY 17 - SEPTEMBER 7

Pray for faithful stewardship.
1 Peter 4:10

DAY 18 - SEPTEMBER 8

Pray for light in the darkness.
Acts 13:47

DAY 19 - SEPTEMBER 9

Pray for courage.
Deuteronomy 31:6

DAY 20 - SEPTEMBER 10

Pray for determination.
Philippians 3:13-14

DAY 21 - SEPTEMBER 11

Pray for confidence in God.
Romans 8:31

DAY 22 - SEPTEMBER 12

Pray for faith in God.
2 Corinthians 5:7

DAY 23 - SEPTEMBER 13

Pray for children.
Ephesians 6:4

DAY 24 - SEPTEMBER 14

Pray for wisdom.
James 1:5

DAY 25 - SEPTEMBER 15

Pray for guidance.
Proverbs 3:5-6

DAY 26 - SEPTEMBER 16

Pray for spiritual growth.
2 Peter 1:5-8

DAY 27 - SEPTEMBER 17

Pray for protection against satanic attacks.
Ephesians 6:10-13

DAY 28 - SEPTEMBER 18

Pray for laborers.
Matthew 9:37-38



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