



MISSIONARY PRAYER GUIDE 2026

YOUR GUIDE FOR WEEKLY
MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS



COOPERATIVE
PROGRAM

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Dear Oklahoma Baptists,

In my role with Oklahoma Baptists, I am privileged to speak with Southern Baptists around the nation and with team members serving with the International Mission Board. I often hear phrases like, "Oklahoma Baptists send so many people to the mission field!"

Truly the Lord has blessed our state to be a missions-sending state. Oklahoma consistently ranks in the top number of states who send missionaries through the IMB.

This 2026 Oklahoma Baptists' Cooperative Program (CP) Missionary Prayer Guide features many of those now serving in missions.

While not all of us are going to be full-time, vocational missionaries serving overseas, the Lord has called us to support and pray for those who are. This prayer guide is an excellent tool to help you pray for missionaries and others who are working in missions and ministry who are supported through the CP. By praying for the individuals and ministries, you will be joining others in prayer who are lifting up the mission of Jesus around the world.

I encourage you to keep this guide in a place where you will be reminded to use it in your regular time of prayer. Online at oklahomabaptists.org/cp, you will also find slides that can be shown in a worship service to help churches pray for these individuals.

Please join me in praying specifically for these wonderful people serving in missions and ministry endeavors around the world. Thank you for all the ways you pray, give, and go!

Serving Jesus with you,



Todd Fisher
Executive Director-Treasurer
Oklahoma Baptists

"Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you."

2 Thessalonians 3:1

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSION FUNDING

Throughout the 2026 Missionary Prayer Guide there are references to the following mission funding methods that are used by Southern Baptists to fulfill the Lord's command in Acts 1:8 to carry the Gospel from Jerusalem to Judea to Samaria to the uttermost parts of the world.

The Cooperative Program is the financial foundation of our Southern Baptist missions and ministries around the world. Each church gives a percentage of its budget through the Cooperative Program as we partner together to touch the world for Christ. Additional information is available from the Leadership Office of Oklahoma Baptists.

More Info:
405-942-3000 x 3102
oklahomabaptists.org/cp

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is the annual offering promoted during March of each year. This offering provides additional funding beyond the church's Cooperative Program gifts for the work of the North American Mission Board in the United States and Canada. Additional information may be obtained from the North American Mission Board.

More Info:
800-634-2462
anniearmstrong.com

The Edna McMillan Oklahoma State Missions Offering is promoted during September of each year and supports mission and evangelism projects in Oklahoma. This offering is named after Edna McMillan, an Oklahoman who had a vision of reaching the state of Oklahoma with the Gospel. It provides additional funding beyond your church's Cooperative Program gifts. Additional information is available from the Missions and Women's Ministries Office of Oklahoma Baptists.

More Info:
405-942-3000 x 3411
oklahomabaptists.org/smo

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is the annual offering promoted each December to benefit missions around the world. This offering provides additional funding beyond the church's Cooperative Program gifts for the work of the International Mission Board and more than 3,600 missionaries around the world. Additional information may be obtained from the International Mission Board.

More Info:
804-353-0151
imb.org/lottiemoon

JANUARY 2026



January 4, 2026



Meet
Edward & Frankie Howell
Serving in
Wales

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
strictlymail8@gmail.com

Edward and Frankie live in Wales serving with the IMB. They serve alongside a church plant, Penarth Evangelical Church. They are actively learning about church planting, engaging the community and sharing the Gospel, and discipling young believers in their church.

How to Pray:

Pray that weekly Gospel conversations would continue to happen with locals.

Pray that the Welsh people would see that they are sinful and realize their need for Christ.

Pray that Edward and Frankie would continue to abide in Christ, and that God would continue to encourage them in their ministry.

“But I consider my life of no value to myself; my purpose is to finish my course and the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of God’s grace.”

Acts 20:24 (CSB)

Weatherford, Trinity; Hobart, First

American Peoples

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists who are serving with the International Mission Board (IMB) in Central and South America, where many have heard of Jesus, but very few have a relationship with Him. Most people in the Americas identify as Catholic. They know the name of Jesus but some may only think of Him as one among many saints. Additionally, the area is experiencing rapid growth in an aggressive form of prosperity theology that causes theological confusion.

How to Pray:

Pray God would open the eyes and hearts of people living in the Americas and help missionaries as they convey the truth of the Gospel.

Pray for the health, safety, and well-being of missionaries and their families as they serve in the Americas.

“Above all, fear the Lord and worship him faithfully with all your heart; consider the great things he has done for you.”

1 Samuel 12:24 (CSB)



January 18, 2026

**Meet
Jacob & Jessica Brooks
Serving in
Japan**

*Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
thebrooksinjapan@gmail.com*

Jacob and Jessica are church planters in Fukuoka, Japan. In addition to learning the language and culture, Jacob and Jessica are at work sharing the Gospel and building relationships with locals throughout the city.

How to Pray:

Pray that God would give Jacob and Jessica endurance and perseverance as they continue their language studies.

Pray that the Gospel would open the eyes of the Japanese people to their need of the One True Living God.

Pray that God would protect the Brooks family, including their young son and new baby that is expected in February of this year.

“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord’s work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:58 (CSB)

Nicoma Park, First

Deaf Peoples



Pray for Oklahoma Baptists who are serving the Deaf around the world. An estimated 80 million culturally deaf people have almost no access to God's Word in their heart language and few of them have ever been exposed to the Gospel. Most of the Deaf around the world have never seen Jesus' name signed in their language. Often ignored and oppressed, the Deaf are some of the least evangelized people on earth.

How to Pray:

Pray God will help Oklahoma Baptists reach this global population of 80 million people who need to know about the love and sacrifice of Jesus.

Pray missionaries to the Deaf will have the resources they need to reach them.

“Then He said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few.’ Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

Matthew 9:37-38 (CSB)

FEBRUARY 2026



February 1, 2026



Meet
Joe Brewster
Serving in
Colombia/Panama

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
jbrewster@imb.org

Joe serves with the IMB in Colombia and Panama, leading four different teams in the region. In his role, he trains missionaries, and evangelizes and discipiles the many displaced and unreached indigenous peoples.

How to Pray:

Pray for Joe, his wife, Megan, in this season of transition as they begin to send their three children off to college.

Pray for the indigenous peoples of Colombia, that they would hear the Word.

Pray for the country of Colombia, as it continues to suffer from intense violence and unrest.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

OKC, Southpark; OKC, The Well

Meet
Tyler Porter
Serving in
Davis, OK

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tyler@daviscommunity.church



Tyler planted and now serves as Senior Pastor at Davis Community Church. Along with his wife, Mandy, and their four children, Tyler ministers to a congregation that is full of both lifelong Christians and those that are new to the Faith.

How to Pray:

Pray that the Porters and the congregation would continue to develop relationships with those who are without a church home.

Pray that church members would continue to grow in their love for God, each other, and their neighbors.

Pray that the church would continue to be united together in glorifying God in all that we do together and as individuals.

“We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. I labor for this, striving with His strength that works powerfully in me.”

Colossians 1:28-29 (CSB)

Davis, Community; Pauls Valley, Trinity; OKC, Capitol Hill

February 15, 2026

Meet
James Brown
Serving at
Langston University

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
jbrown@oklahomabaptists.org

James serves at the BCM Director at Langston University where he ministers to both students and staff on campus. One of James' ministry focuses is evangelism, and encouraging students to create a culture where "God conversations" are happening naturally and often.

How to Pray:

Pray for the students at Langston University.

Pray for those involved with the BCM as they minister to the Langston campus.

Pray for the administrators, professors, and all other staff on and off campus.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16 (ESV)

OKC, Greater Shiloh

Advance Conference



Pray for Oklahoma Baptists as they come together to attend the Advance Conference, March 2-3, 2026. During the conference, Oklahoma Baptists will hear speakers who are Oklahoma pastors and leaders as well as national leaders. They will worship and pray together and attend breakout sessions for the many ministry focus groups. Information on how to register for this FREE event can be found at oklahomabaptists.org/evangelism/advance-conference.

How to Pray:

Pray all attendees would feel refreshed, recharged, and equipped as they leave the conference.

Pray all attendees would take new energy home to their churches and their communities.

Pray many fruitful connections will be made at the conference.

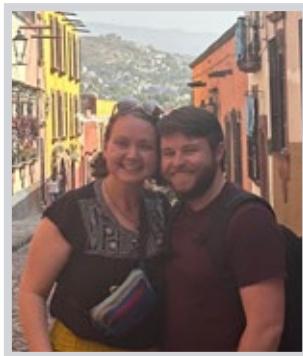
“Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

Ephesians 4:1-3 (CSB)

MARCH 2026



March 1, 2026



Meet
Ana & Nicholas Buford
Serving in
Mexico

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nbuford@imb.org

Ana and Nicholas serve among the Tapatios of Guadalajara, Mexico, one of the centers of Folk-Catholicism in Mexico. Through coordinating and executing short term mission trips, Ana and Nicholas are helping create a partnership between Southern Baptist churches in the United States and the local churches of Guadalajara. These efforts help support local churches with planting and discipleship, and spur a passion among SBC churches to continue their part in fulfilling the Great Commission.

How to Pray:

Pray that God will send more people into the field to share the Good News with the millions of lost throughout the city.

Pray that we will grow in partnership and connections with both local and US SBC churches.

Pray that the Lord would continue to move in the city of Guadalajara.

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.”

James 1:2-3 (ESV)

Tulsa, Evergreen

March 8, 2026



Meet
Dr. Bruce Perkins
Serving in
Oklahoma

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bruce.perkins@okbu.edu

Dr. Bruce Perkins directs and teaches the prison divinity program for Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU) in Shawnee. Incarcerated individuals in the Oklahoma prison system are offered a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian Studies. The mission is to see lives changed by the Gospel and then to change the prison culture. Through them, God will then extend His kingdom into their communities. More than 1,200 men have trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord through the program.

How to Pray:

Pray God will continue to open doors for our students to share their faith so many more will come to Christ.

Pray God will continue to grant His favor through the officials that interface with OBU's program.

Pray God will continue to supply our needs.

“Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen”

Ephesians 3:20-21 (CSB)

Shawnee, Immanuel; Frederick, Bethel



Meet
Albert & Kirstin Hesskew
Serving in
Poland

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Albert and Kirstin have served the people of Krakow, Poland for over 16 years. Albert is active in sports ministry, and also serves as an elder at their church plant in Krakow. Kirstin ministers to university students and is a discipler of young women. Together, they support various local ministries alongside the IMB team in Krakow.

How to Pray:

Pray that God would provide a new location for the church plant where the Hesskews are members.

Pray for God's favor over the university ministry and their efforts to get registered on several local university campuses.

Pray for the athletic ministry as they aim to build a new baseball field that would open doors to share the Gospel with those who play the sport.

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

OKC, Quail Springs



Meet
Greg & Sarah Mann
Serving in
Thailand

Greg and Sarah serve as Affinity Group Leaders with the IMB in Thailand. Their primary responsibilities are to lead the development, implementation, and evaluation of strategies for the engagement of Asia-Pacific people groups anywhere they are found in the world. The most rewarding part of their job is seeing the Gospel advance among people groups who have had little or no access to the Gospel.

How to Pray:

Pray that God would open wide the doors for Gospel access among the unreached people groups across the Asia-Pacific region, especially in places where governments are restrictive, cultures are resistant, and access is limited.

Pray that the Gospel would flourish through reproducible disciples and leadership development. Ask God to raise up strong, Biblically grounded, and Spirit-led local leaders.

Pray for our missionary teams to be spiritually renewed daily in the Word and in prayer. Ask God to protect their marriages, families, and relationships, granting them supernatural unity and perseverance in the face of spiritual warfare, cultural isolation, and the emotional weight of the work.

“For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake.”

2 Corinthians 4:5 (NIV)

Del City, First Southern; OKC, Westminster Road



Asian Pacific Peoples

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists serving with the International Mission Board as they work to bring the Gospel to people of the Asian-Pacific Rim. The Asian-Pacific Rim includes China, Mongolia, the Koreas, Japan, Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia and Taiwan. Of the population of 2.3 billion people, 95% are living in spiritual darkness. But because of the hard work of missionaries, thousands are hearing the Gospel and accepting Christ and new churches are being planted.

How to Pray:

Pray the advancement of the kingdom of God would continue in the Asian-Pacific Rim.

Pray the Lord will send more laborers into the harvest.

Pray lives will be radically transformed by the Gospel.

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20 (CSB)

APRIL 2026



April 5, 2026



Meet
Riley Sowell
Serving at
Tulsa Community College

*Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
rsowell@oklahomabaptists.org*

As the BCM Director at Tulsa Community College, Riley ministers to college students through evangelism, discipleship, leadership development, missions, church partnership, campus relationships, and recruitment. The mission of TCC BCM is to give students a chance to consider Jesus, and equip them to follow Him through all of life.

How to Pray:

Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send laborers in His harvest.

Pray that the Lord would call students to Himself to become fishers of men.

Pray that the Lord would use Riley, his family, and those involved with the TCC BCM to make disciples of all nations.

“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV)

Tulsa, Olivet; Tulsa, Memorial

Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief



Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief has been serving in some of the most devastating crises in the state and nation for more than 50 years. With more than 5,000 trained volunteers, it is considered to be one of the largest disaster relief ministries in the Southern Baptist Convention. Experienced volunteers working side by side stand always ready to help those impacted by the devastating effects of disasters. They offer help and hope, meeting people at their point of greatest need.

How to Pray:

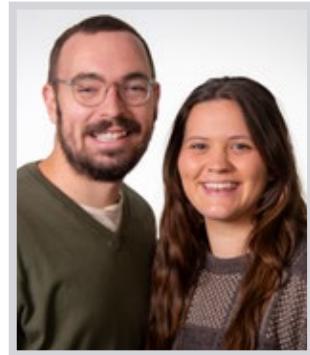
Please pray that as disaster relief volunteers go to wherever they are needed across the country and around the world, they would be safe and effective.

Pray those impacted by natural disasters would have hearts that are soft toward Jesus and His Gospel of salvation.

Pray victims of disaster would know that Jesus loves them through the actions of disaster relief volunteers.

“The Lord is good, a stronghold in a day of distress; he cares for those who take refuge in him.”

Nahum 1:7 (CSB)



Meet
Anna & Seth Moles
Serving in
Brazil

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seth.moles@icloud.com

Anna and Seth serve as missionaries in São Paulo, where they focus on sharing the Gospel and making disciples among the many university students in the city. They do this by building relationships on campus, engaging in evangelism, and helping students grow in their faith and reach others with the Good News.

How to Pray:

Pray for Anna and Seth's language learning, that they would grow in their ability to communicate the Gospel of Jesus clearly and naturally in Portuguese.

Pray for open doors on university campuses, since missionaries are not allowed on campuses.

Pray for Gospel encounters, that unbelieving students would come to know Christ and that young believers would grow as disciples who share their faith with others.

“Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us.”

2 Corinthians 4:7 (CSB)

Tahlequah, Park Hill; Shawnee, Immanuel; Marlow, Central



Secure Country Missionaries

Pray for the Oklahoma Baptists who are serving through the International Mission Board in areas of the world that are so dangerous we cannot reveal their names or where they serve, not just for the safety of these missionaries, but for those under their care who choose to follow Jesus. The majority of these workers serve in countries where other religions and spiritism are deeply entrenched in the cultures. These are some of the greatest challenges to overcome.

How to Pray:

Pray the Spirit will give the workers boldness and discernment of when and with whom to share.

Pray for the protection of the families physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.

Pray indigenous new believers will be bold to share as God builds His church among them.

“I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Phillipians 1:6 (CSB)

MAY 2026





Meet
Tyler Barnes
Serving in
Oklahoma

*Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
tyler@thriveokc.church*

Tyler serves as a Church Planting Catalyst with SEND Network. He and his wife, Chotsie, and their two children are currently in Oklahoma City at Thrive Community Church. Tyler helps churches plant churches, by identifying potential church planters and coaching them through the church planting process.

How to Pray:

Pray for more workers in the harvest. The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

Pray for the Barnes family, that family would be a priority above ministry.

Pray for new church plants, and for all of the people they are reaching with the Gospel.

“Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”

Luke 5:10 (ESV)

OKC, Thrive Community

May 10, 2026



Meet
Nathan & Kari Shank
Serving in
Europe

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karishank@outlook.com

After serving with IMB in South Asia for over 25 years, Nathan and Kari have relocated to Europe to work in a global role with IMB's Global Engagement Team. In this role, Nathan and Kari will consult and train missionaries, and work with national partners and other groups to advance the Gospel.

How to Pray:

Pray for Nathan, Kari, and their children as they transition from South Asia to Europe.

Pray for the Shank family as they learn the language and culture in their new home country.

Pray that as Nathan, Kari, and their family serve across the globe, they will be diligent to keep their hands on lostness around them.

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV)

Inola, First



May 17, 2026

Camp Perfect Wings

Camp Perfect Wings is a weekend camp for children and adults, ages 8 and up, with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The camp includes tailored games, activities, worship, and Bible teachings. Each camper is paired with a buddy to help them fully participate. Camp Perfect Wings creates an environment where campers experience the love of Christ. Camp Perfect Wings is a place where joy abounds, and everyone is welcome to be themselves.

How to Pray:

Pray for the Camp Perfect Wings director and volunteers as they plan, prepare, and recruit buddies for camp.

Pray for the health and safety of all campers, buddies, volunteers, and staff.

Pray the love of God will be shown and experienced by all campers and that they would grow in their understanding of who God is.

“I will praise You because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well.”

Psalm 139:14 (CSB)



May 24, 2026

Falls Creek

Pray for Oklahoma youth as they experience community-building opportunities and unique camp experiences at Falls Creek in Davis. Individual campers participate in fun, team-building activities and personal spiritual disciplines, such as small-group Bible studies, in-cabin Bible studies, breakouts, and community building within their group. These bonding interactions carry over as groups return home and can literally impact the church for months and years ahead.

How to Pray:

Please pray youth will gain a new understanding of Jesus this summer.

Pray their relationship with Him will be strengthened.

Please pray for unity, purpose and action in the church through Falls Creek youth camp.

“Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another.”

Proverbs 27:17 (CSB)

CrossTimbers



CrossTimbers Children's Mission Adventure Camp is a camp designed to reach and equip children to actively serve others with missional living. Missions education is one of the foundational elements of the camp. Throughout each session of camp, a high priority is placed on Scripture, worship, relationships with camp staff and church sponsors, and opportunities for kids and sponsors to sharpen their skills and prepare to consistently serve God after camp.

How to Pray:

Pray God's presence would be felt by each camper and staffer.

Pray for camp staff as they plan theme, curriculum, and fun activities.

Pray seeds would be planted in the hearts of campers that they might one day serve God through missions.

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

JUNE 2026



GoStudents Network

The goal of GoStudents Network is to inspire, equip, and empower Oklahoma Baptist churches to adopt and conduct youth mission trips with Southern Baptist missionaries, church planters, and ministry leaders. In-state projects are for students who have completed sixth through twelfth grade who want to see God's Kingdom advance in Oklahoma. Out-of-state projects are for students who have completed ninth through twelfth grade and range from North America to around the world.

How to Pray:

Pray students of all ages would develop an awareness of lostness here, near, and far.

Pray that through GoStudents missions work, students will be equipped with training and resources.

Pray students will walk in obedience if God should call them to the mission field.

“The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.”

Matthew 9:37-38 (CSB)



Meet
Ryan & Lynsi Rhodes
Serving in
Peru

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
ryanandlynsi@gmail.com

Ryan and Lynsi Rhodes work among the American peoples affinity group with the International Mission Board. They work in support of other missionaries in the Americas ensuring their families have the appropriate medical, counseling, kid's schooling and other resources. This is an important task in keeping healthy missionaries on the field to plant more churches. The Rhodes and their kids also partner with other believers in their community to share the love of God to those around them in the city of Lima.

How to Pray:

Pray for family back in the States who are not believers.

Pray that Christians in the States would be bold in showing love and sharing the Gospel for those in the States.

Pray for revival in the churches in Lima, and that Peruvian believers would feel the call to go as missionaries into their areas and beyond.

“Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God’s heavenly call in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 3:12-14 (CSB)

Edmond, Highland Park

Meet
Melissa & Michael Rains
Serving in
Africa

*Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
mwrains@imb.org*

Michael and Melissa serve as missionary trainers with Lead Global in Nairobi, Kenya. Along with their four children, they are hard at work equipping East African churches to model church health, prepare them to send missionaries, and train believers to participate in the Great Commission both locally and cross-culturally.

How to Pray:

Pray for Melissa, Michael, and their family as three of their four children are away, attending college in three different states.

Pray for the Rains family as they find balance in life, family, and work.

Pray for God's favor and blessing over Melissa and Michael's ministry in Nairobi.

“Declare His glory among the nations, His wondrous works among all the peoples.”

Psalm 96:3 (CSB)

Shawnee, Heritage; Tulsa, Eastwood; OKC, Crown Heights



Sub-Saharan African Peoples

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists who are serving in Sub-Saharan Africa. This large area includes the island of Madagascar and all but 10 countries on the African continent. The primary religions are Islam, Christianity and Animism. Though Sub-Saharan Africa has a growing Christian population, it is still home to more than 1,600 unreached people groups. But because of the consistent presence of Oklahoma Baptists and others, thousands of new believers are confessing faith in Christ, churches are being planted, and leaders trained.

How to Pray:

Pray for missionaries as they serve in this huge area and among so many millions of people.

Pray the people of Sub-Saharan Africa will hear and accept the words of Jesus so His kingdom will grow.

Pray for the well-being and safety of missionaries and the Christian population in Sub-Saharan Africa.

“And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.”

Romans 10:15 (CSB)

JULY 2026



Global Missions



Oklahoma Baptists have a heart for evangelism both at home and abroad. The Oklahoma Baptists convention offers missions consultation for Oklahoma Baptist churches. Through a global missions focus and IMB connections, enthusiastic people and churches are connected to significant ministry opportunities that advance the Gospel worldwide. This work will empower and equip Oklahoma churches to send long-term and short-term missionaries overseas.

How to Pray:

Pray many Oklahoma churches and missions leaders will participate in global missions training.

Pray what is learned during trainings will help to make overseas evangelism efforts successful.

Pray members of the missions teams will return home with a new fervor that impacts churches and their surrounding communities.

“Then he said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation.’”

Mark 16:15 (CSB)

July 12, 2026



Meet
Chris & Melissa Robinson
Serving in
Latvia

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
crobinson@imb.org

In Latvia, Chris and Melissa work with their local church where they preach, teach, and lead worship. They are actively sharing the Gospel with those around them, and training up young believers to apply the Bible to their lives.

How to Pray:

Pray that Chris and Melissa's son, Lucas, would accept Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior.

Pray for the members of the Robinson's small group who meet weekly in their family home.

Pray that more SBC churches would get involved in Latvia.

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

Okay, First; Tahlequah, Grace; Tulsa, Memorial; Tulsa, Mercyview

July 19, 2026

Indian Falls Creek



Pray for campers who attend the Indian Falls Creek Family Camp. Every year, campers representing more than 50 Native American tribes and more than 250 churches gather at Falls Creek to participate in worship services, classes, and activities that are designed to engage people ages preschool to adult. The purpose of this yearly event is to foster and promote Christian training, inspiration, fellowship, evangelism, and missionary zeal among the Indians in their Baptist church life.

How to Pray:

Pray many campers will receive a calling to reach out and serve in their home communities or into special ministry.

Pray campers will better understand Christ's work in their lives.

Pray campers will address the needs and concerns they find around them at home.

“All the nations you have made will come and bow down before you, Lord, and will honor your name.”

Psalm 86:9 (CSB)

July 26, 2026



Meet
Becky & Gary Rowland
Serving in
UK & Ireland

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becky.rowland2@gmail.com*

In the UK and Ireland, Becky and Gary assist missionaries with their logistics needs, from securing visas to housing, transportation, and taxes. In addition to assisting IMB personnel with the details of moving to a foreign country, they are involved in their local church, leading Bible studies, building relationships, and sharing the Gospel with locals.

How to Pray:

Pray for Becky and Gary's continued ability to secure visas for personnel coming to the field. The process is already difficult in Ireland, and continues to become more costly and challenging in the UK.

Pray for good solutions as Becky, Gary, and their logistics team continue to wrangle with the UK income tax situation.

Pray for Becky and Gary's health and specifically for Becky as she recovers from a 2-year cancer battle.

“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.’”

Revelation 7:9-10 (NIV)

Claremore, First; Chelsea, First

AUGUST 2026





Meet
Chris Talbot
Serving in
Oklahoma

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
CHTalbot@outlook.com

Chris serves as the pastor at Second Baptist Church in McAlester. Along with his wife, Allie, and their young sons, the Talbot family ministers to and serves alongside their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in sharing with the lost and helping those in need.

How to Pray:

Pray for Second Baptist Church in McAlester.

Pray that the lost would come to find salvation in Jesus Christ.

Pray for God's blessing and protection over the Talbot family.

“For nothing will be impossible with God.”
Luke 1:37 (CSB)

McAlester, Second; McAlester, Haywood; McAlester, Victory Park



Meet
Paul Lewis
Serving at
Oklahoma State University

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plewis@oklahomabaptists.org

Paul leads the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Oklahoma State University. There, he teaches and discipiles students to live on mission and get the Gospel to every corner of their campus and to the ends of the Earth.

How to Pray:

Pray for the OSU BCM team as they begin fundraising for a new BCM building in Stillwater.

Pray for the Lord's favor with students, that many would hear the Gospel and respond in faith.

Pray that Paul and the OSU BCM team would be faithful to disciple students and raise up leaders.

“What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

2 Timothy 2:2 (CSB)

Stillwater, Eagle Heights

August 16, 2026



Meet
Dan & Dawn Friesen
Serving in
Brazil

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ddakfriesen@yahoo.com

Dan and Dawn are currently at work with an indigenous tribe in Brazil. They planted and lead a church on the tribe's largest people reservation with 11 members in the church body. They are also hard at work sharing God's Word with nearby villages.

How to Pray:

Pray for the indigenous believers in their church, that they would make Christ first in their lives and persevere in their faith.

Pray for the work that is being done to share the Gospel in nearby villages, that many would come to salvation in Jesus Christ.

Pray for the indigenous people as they prepare for the annual dry seasons, when both food and water are hard to secure.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

Shawnee, Temple

August 23, 2026

Meet
Bintang & Dian Phan
Serving in
Asian Pacific Rim

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
cedar202@protonmail.com

Bintang and Dian serve with IMB in the Asian Pacific Rim. Through online platforms, they are helping to plant churches and teach the Bible. They are also at work mobilizing and training locals so they will be better equipped to serve Christ.

How to Pray:

Pray that God will enlarge Bintang and Dian's hearts to love Him and their neighbors more, so that people around them may come to know Jesus through their lives.

Pray that God will provide national partners with the same vision and also the needed resources for them to plant more online churches.

Pray that through the online devotional ministry, many more people in the country where Bintang and Dian serve will grow in their love for God's Word.

“How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!””

Romans 10:14-15 (ESV)

OKC, Vision Community

Central Asian Peoples



Pray for Oklahoma Baptists who are serving in Central Asia through the International Mission Board. Central Asia is comprised of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. Central Asians are experiencing deep grief and suffering because of war, repressive laws, and natural disasters. Islam is the predominant religion in Central Asia and many who choose to follow Jesus are persecuted for “betraying” their former faith, traditions, and family.

How to Pray:

Please pray that followers of Jesus throughout Central Asia will love one another well, reflecting Jesus' sacrificial love as a witness to the unsaved people around them.

Please pray God would make bold the new believers in Central Asia as they try to live out their faith in adverse and many times dangerous circumstances.

Pray God would protect and provide for missionaries serving there.

“Be on your guard against false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravaging wolves. You’ll recognize them by their fruit.”

Matthew 7:15-16 (CSB)

SEPTEMBER 2026



September 6, 2026



Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) directors and missionaries are present on local college and university campuses to encourage, mentor, disciple, equip, and coach students during their college experience. Young adults ages 18-24 are in a critical time in their lives. BCM staff help to keep them on track. University campuses are filled with international students who have never heard the Gospel of Christ. The nations are coming to us, and they need to hear the Good News.

How to Pray:

Pray many students will be saved by the Gospel and that they would desire to live a life like Jesus.

Pray the BCM staff will be faithful to Jesus and the ministry and be fruitful.

Pray students will see God's heart for all nations and play a role in reaching the nations with the Gospel.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 (CSB)

Literacy Missions



Statistics show that in Oklahoma 12% of adults function below the basic literacy level. Through literacy missions, English-speaking, low-level adult readers can improve their reading and writing skills and children can be tutored in the academic skills needed for school success. Literacy missions makes an impact in the lives of others by meeting the very practical need of improving literacy skills all while sharing the life-changing truth and love of Jesus Christ.

How to Pray:

Pray more churches would participate in literacy missions.

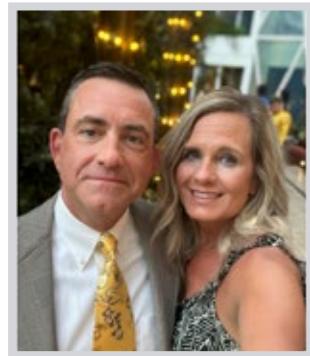
Pray the teachers of literacy missions would be in close relationship to God.

Pray students would be receptive to the truth of God's Word and be excited to read it.

“Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path.”

Psalm 119:105 (CSB)

September 20, 2026



Meet
James Wilder
Serving in
Oklahoma

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James serves as an Associational Missions Strategist in Lincoln and Pottawatomie counties in central Oklahoma. James assists churches as they grow stronger through mission partnerships, connections with OBU and ministry students, while focusing on stability and a passion for church planting. James provides counsel, encouragement, discipline, strategic planning, staff supply, and training on all aspects of church life.

How to Pray:

Pray that churches would be receptive to necessary change and embrace God's will for the lost.

Pray that God would continue to develop strong lay and ministry leaders.

Pray that there would be a renewed passion for planting new churches.

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Can such faith save him?”

James 2:14 (CSB)

Grove, First; Purcell, First; Tulsa, Woodland Acres; Shawnee, Immanuel

September 27, 2026



Meet
Jane & Ken Song
Serving in
Japan

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
hyosiksong@gmail.com

Jane and Ken are missionaries in Kobe, Japan. As part of their team ministry, they host English and Korean café gatherings. Ken leads the Joyful Song Café, sharing the Gospel message through hymns and praise songs, while Jane leads a trauma healing ministry where the people of Japan can find emotional support and healing.

How to Pray:

Pray that seeds of the Gospel will be planted and bear fruit through the English and Korean Joyful Song Cafes, as well as the trauma healing ministry.

Pray that many Japanese people will join and meet Jesus at the Bible study that Jane and Ken are starting in their home.

Pray for Jane and Ken's Atlanta-based son, Steven, that he would grow spiritually and be connected with the right church.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

Lawton, First

OCTOBER 2026





Meet
Matt Townsend

Serving at
**Oklahoma Panhandle
State University**

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mtownsend@oklahomabaptists.org

Matt serves as the BCM director at Oklahoma Panhandle State University, where he is actively sharing the Gospel with students, administrators, staff, faculty, and coaches on campus. The BCM ministers to those on campus through their Late Night Bible Study, men's and women's Bible studies, Noonday meals, service projects on campus, and devotions with various athletic teams.

How to Pray:

*Pray for the salvation of students and personnel at OPSU.
The Lord has provided Matt and others with the BCM a unique opportunity to work with athletes at OPSU.*

Pray that they make the most of the opportunity to minister to athletes on campus.

Pray for the spiritual growth of believers on campus and for divine appointments that they might share the Gospel with friends and coworkers.

“He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 (CSB)

**Guymon, First; Weatherford, Emmanuel; Latta, Morris Memorial;
Weatherford, First; Amber, First; Pocasset, First**

Hunger Funds



Though difficult to imagine, there are hungry people in the metropolitan areas of Oklahoma as well as the rural areas. According to statistics, 14.5% of Oklahoma households are food insecure. Children are hungry, and parents are rationing food. Jesus Himself took care of this basic need of people, and we are to do the same. Through hunger funds, churches are able to satisfy this basic need, do more evangelistic outreach, and impact lives.

How to Pray:

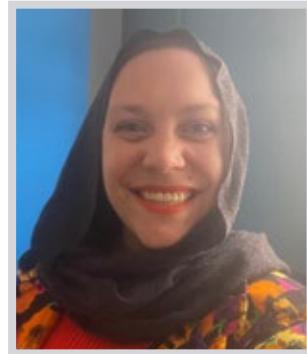
Pray Oklahoma churches can continue to partner with local school systems to distribute food to Oklahomans in need.

Pray God will multiply resources, so no Oklahoma families go hungry.

Pray those receiving food will know that Jesus loves them.

“Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.”

Isaiah 58:10 (NLT)



Meet
Caroline Reel
Serving in
Uganda

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Caroline works with Sudanese refugees in Uganda's capital city. Many refugees that have escaped war-torn countries are seeking a God who would love and save them. Through home visits, relationship building, meeting physical needs, and providing programs that address mental trauma, Caroline and her team share Truth with people who ache for it.

How to Pray:

Pray for God to draw refugees in Uganda to Himself—that they would know He is the One who meets their every need, and is the Source of true hope and peace.

Pray for refugee believers in Uganda, that God would give them strength and vision to reach their own people with the Gospel.

Pray that trauma healing groups would multiply and continue so that more people who need it can find the hope that God offers us all.

“If they had been thinking of the country that they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.”

Hebrews 11:15-16 (NIV)

Tishomingo, Bullard Chapel; Tishomingo, First; Shawnee, Immanuel

October 25, 2026



Meet
Colin & Larissa Stallcup
Serving in
Chile

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
stallcupsinchile@gmail.com

After finishing language learning in Puebla, Colin, Larissa, and their children will be heading to Santiago, Chile. They will be serving in a middle to upper class neighborhood, comprised of professionals and politicians. While the people of the area may have all the world has to offer, the area has little to no Gospel presence.

How to Pray:

Pray that God would aid the Stallcup family as they discern where to live and minister in Santiago.

Pray that the Stallcup family would boldly declare His glory among the people in Santiago.

Pray that the people would see their desperate need of the Gospel, despite their material wealth.

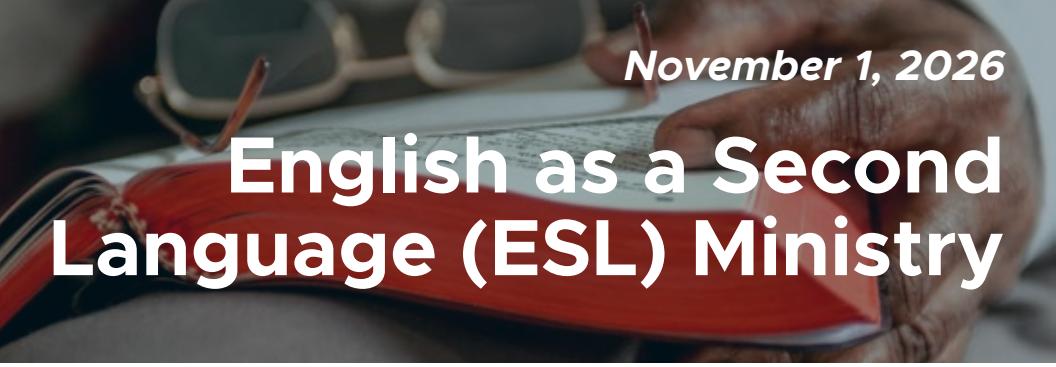
“Declare His glory among the nations, His wondrous works among all the peoples.”
Psalm 96:3 (CSB)

Kingfisher, First; Weatherford, First; Fort Cobb, First

NOVEMBER 2026



English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry



In both rural and urban communities across Oklahoma are non-native English speakers who need help in speaking English proficiently. They come as refugees, migrant workers, international students, and people simply seeking a better life. Teaching English to these students helps to develop relationships and trust and creates opportunities to share the Gospel, all while meeting a basic need that will enable them to obtain good jobs so they can provide for their families.

How to Pray:

Pray for ESL teachers as they share and show the love of Jesus to people who may never have heard of Him.

Pray the Holy Spirit would work in the lives of ESL students so they will see that Jesus is the truth, the way, and the life.

Pray God will use ESL ministries as a pathway to bring internationals into His churches.

“For the Lord your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, mighty, and awe-inspiring God, showing no partiality He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the resident alien, giving him food and clothing. You are also to love the resident alien, since you were resident aliens in the land of Egypt.”

Deuteronomy 10:17-19 (CSB)

November 8, 2026



Meet
Mitch & Audrey Pinion
Serving in
Oklahoma

*Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
mpinion@namb.net*

In his ministry with Send Network as a Marketing Specialist, Mitch tells stories of what God is doing through church planting across North America, and promotes incredible resources that fuel sending churches, church planters, and their teams. Previously, Mitch served in pastoral ministry and church planting in Georgia and Vermont. Mitch and his wife, Audrey, are based in Oklahoma.

How to Pray:

Pray for Mitch, that God would give him a heart that loves Jesus more than anything else.

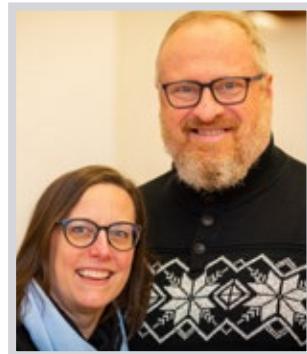
Pray that God would sustain Mitch and Audrey through health challenges.

Pray for God to bear much fruit through Mitch and Audrey as they make disciples and raise up leaders.

“But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

Stillwater, Countryside



Meet
Cevin & Shannon Sweeney
Serving in
United States

After serving overseas as missionaries in both Asia and then in Germany, Cevin and Shannon now serve as Affinity Stateside Associates for European Peoples. They continue to train up and equip leaders, and share the Gospel with the lost.

How to Pray:

Pray specifically for the city of Mendig, Germany, where there is currently no evangelical church. God is already at work there, and the harvest is plentiful.

Pray for Cevin and Shannon as they continue to learn and grow in their new roles with the IMB.

Pray for the Gospel seed that God leads Cevin and Shannon to sow—that the Gospel seed will take root, be watered by His Spirit, and transform lives.

“Remain in Me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.”

John 15:4 (NIV)

European Peoples



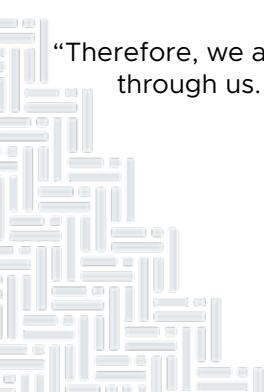
Pray for Oklahoma Baptists who are serving with the International Mission Board in European countries. Europe has more than 800 million people, and fewer than 1% are evangelical Christians. Since the start of the war in Ukraine, more than 4 million Ukrainian refugees have sought asylum throughout Europe. The need for prayer and bold proclamation of the Gospel is evident in this area of the world.

How to Pray:

Please pray the new leaders God is raising up will remain faithful in carrying out the missionary task.

Pray God will raise up thousands of new missionaries who will bring Gospel transformation across Europe.

Pray God will guide missionaries as they develop creative strategies for sharing the Gospel.



“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ’s behalf, ‘Be reconciled to God.’”

2 Corinthians 5:20 (CSB)



Meet
Cayo Cavalcante
Serving in
Oklahoma City, OK

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cayocavalcante10@gmail.com

A native of Brazil, Cayo is the planter and pastor of Deepen Movement Church in west Edmond. Deepen Movement has services in English that are translated into Spanish and Portuguese. The church ministers to and makes disciples of people from various nations. Cayo feels confident when he hears God's voice and follows His guidance.

How to Pray:

Pray God would continue to provide wisdom and endurance for Cayo, his wife Larissa, and their children.

Pray God would continue to provide for Deepen Church as they are making disciples and raising up leaders.

Pray for the new arts and ballet ministry that the church started in fall 2025.

“One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.”

Psalm 27:4 (NIV)

Edmond, Edmond Community; Edmond, Deepen Movement

DECEMBER 2026





Meet
Bruno Rojas
Serving in
Oklahoma

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brunorojas.us@gmail.com

Bruno serves as a pastor and church planter among the hispanic community in Lawton. Alongside his wife, Plashiel, and their two daughters, they share the Gospel and minister to the diverse community around them.

How to Pray:

Pray for Bruno and his wife, that they would continue to grow in their relationship with God and with each other, so that they can be a visible example of the Gospel for their children.

Pray for God's guidance in Bruno's ministry, that God would lead and that the plans for the church would align with His will.

Pray for the believers at the church, that together, they would advance God's kingdom in Lawton.

“Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.”

2 Timothy 2:7 (ESV)

OKC, Iglesia Bautista Central; Lawton, First West

North Africa & Middle Eastern Peoples

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists as they serve in North Africa and the Middle East through the International Mission Board (IMB). Nineteen mostly Muslim nations make up this area of the world. Sixty-five percent of the world's current conflicts are happening in North Africa and the Middle East. Due to war, persecution and climate disasters, there are also 9.8 million refugees and 22.6 million internally displaced people scattered throughout these countries.

How to Pray:

Pray missionaries and fellow believers in this area of the world would have opportunities to share the Gospel and that they will be salt and light to those living in spiritual darkness.

Pray hearts and ears would be open to hear and accept the message of salvation through Christ.

Pray God will protect and provide for missionaries as they serve.

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20 (CSB)



Meet
Todd Fisher
Serving in
Oklahoma

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Todd Fisher serves as the executive director-treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. He leads the ministries of Oklahoma Baptists and serves churches, pastors, staff and directors of missions/associational mission strategists of the many associations in Oklahoma. He enjoys serving the pastors of churches in Oklahoma and encouraging them in their calling to shepherd the local church. Todd and his wife, Jamy, have three children.

How to Pray:

Pray for Todd as he continues to navigate his health following a serious car accident in summer 2024.

Pray Todd would have wisdom and discernment as he serves churches and pastors and can manage the demands of his schedule.

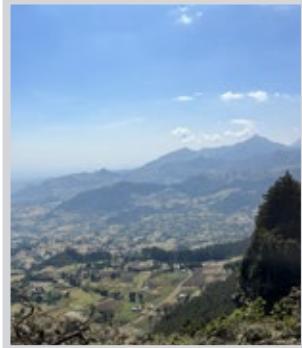
Pray Todd will always rely on Jesus to empower and provide for him in every circumstance of life.

“Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received.”

Ephesians 4:1 (CSB)

**Bethel Acres, Hopewell; Wellston, First;
Oklahoma City, Highland Hills; Shawnee, Immanuel**

Meet
Daniel & Jill Nelson
Serving in
Africa



After living in rural Oklahoma, Daniel and Jill currently serve in a large city in the Horn of Africa. After learning the language, Daniel and Jill serve with an organization that, through development and relief projects, helps bring the Gospel to people groups who have not had access to it. Through their organization, villages gain access to both physical water and the living water of Jesus Christ.

How to Pray:

Pray for Daniel, Jill, and their family as they return to Africa after a season in America.

Pray that the Nelson family will quickly reacclimate to life overseas.

Pray that Daniel, Jill, and their family would continue to learn and grow in their faith and also in knowledge of the surrounding culture.

“We love because He first loved us.”

1 John 4:19 (ESV)

Chandler, First

Thank you for praying for our Oklahoma Baptists missionaries who are advancing the Gospel around the world!

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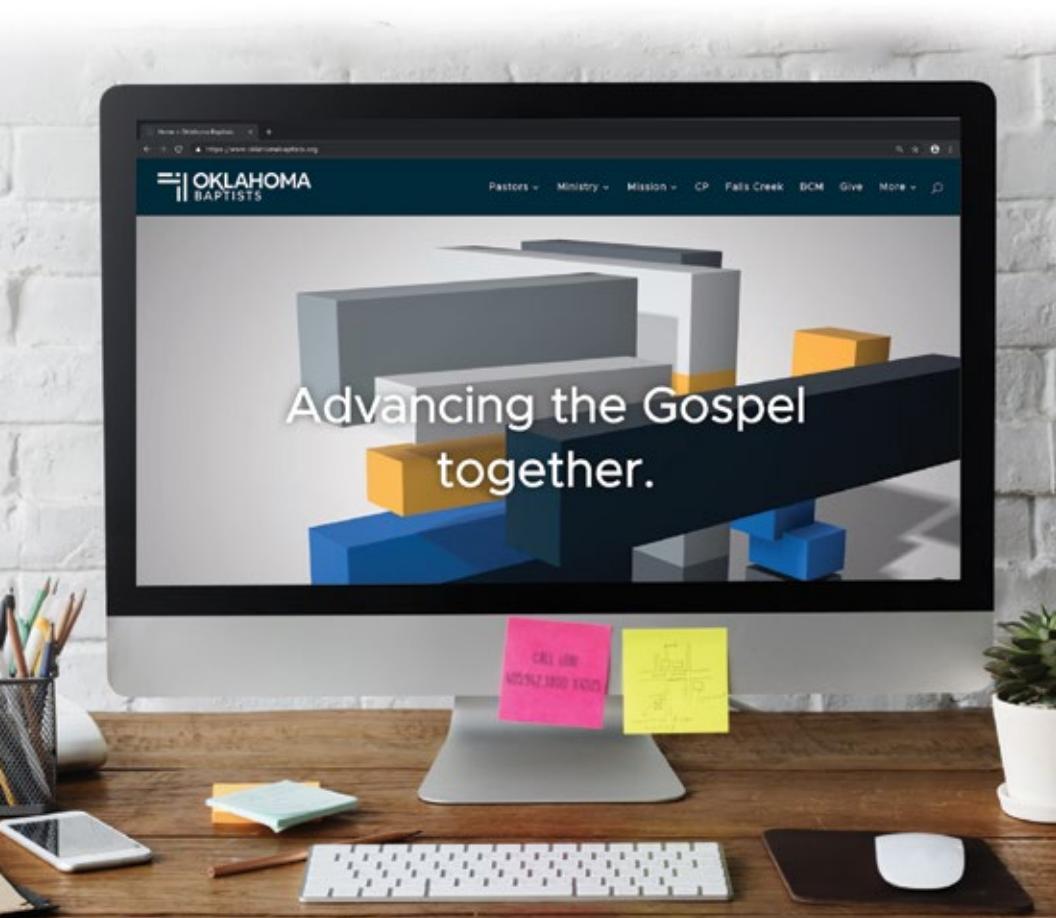
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