



MISSIONS *at Second*

*Go therefore and make
disciples of all the
nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father
and the Son and the
Holy Spirit, teaching
them to observe all that
I commanded you; and lo,
I am with you always,
even to the end of the age.*

MATTHEW 28:19-20

a letter from the pastor



DEAR SECOND FAMILY,

Missions has always been at the heart of who we are as a church. For generations, Second Baptist has faithfully carried the Gospel beyond our walls, across Houston, across our nation, and around the world.

That shouldn't surprise us. From the very beginning, Jesus made our mission clear: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19). Those words aren't just part of our history; they are our calling today.

Whether we're serving our neighbors here in Houston or partnering with missionaries around the world, we have the incredible privilege of carrying the Gospel to people who need the hope of Jesus.

One of the greatest privileges I have as a pastor is watching our church live that out. Because of your generosity and faithfulness, people are hearing the Gospel, churches are being strengthened, families are being served, and lives are being changed by Jesus.

Every October, we set aside Missions Month to renew our commitment to the Great Commission. This year, we're asking God to provide \$1 million above and beyond our regular giving so we can continue supporting ministry partners here at home and missionaries serving across the globe. This is more than a financial goal. It's an opportunity to be part of what God is doing to reach the nations.

My prayer is that we'll continue moving forward together, loving people, making disciples, and taking the Gospel wherever God sends us.

Thank you for your faithfulness and for being part of what God is doing through Second Baptist. I'm grateful to serve alongside you and excited to see what He has in store.

For His glory,

BEN YOUNG, SENIOR PASTOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Young". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large loop at the end.

**A Letter From Don
And Helen McNeely**
Our Dear Church Family

Sincerely,
Helen, Don, Rob, Wes and Bart
P. O. Box RW 599
Lusaka, Zambia
Africa

Sincerely,

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HISTORY OF MISSIONS *at Second*

Second's commitment to the Great Commission has been part of the very heartbeat of this church family since the church was established almost one hundred years ago in 1927.

In this magazine you will discover how Second has partnered with local ministries, invested in international missions through support of missionaries and annual short-term mission trips, and given to take the message of God's love to children and families around the world over this past year.

In a 1927 message, Dr. E.P. West, the first pastor of Second Baptist Church, challenged that early congregation to become "A Church for the Times" and devote their hearts and their hands to the task God had called them to. Pictured here are just a few examples of the many ways in which Second responded to that challenge over the past century.

PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE

1 Christmas at the Texas Baptist Children's Home (1953), 2 The McNeely Family (1976), 3 Members of the Women's Missionary Union (1987), 4 Tropical Storm Allison Relief (2001), 5 Mexico Mission Trip (1988), 6 Members of the Royal Ambassadors and Girls in Action (1929)

LOCAL MINISTRY PARTNERS

Second's love for children is evident in the many ways our church provides resources for local assistance ministries that serve single moms, children, youth and families. In this example from 1953, members of Second hosted a Christmas party for children in the Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock. Gifts for the children, refreshments, fun activities, story time, and a visit from Santa made the day special for everyone involved.

SUPPORT FOR FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

In 1976, the McNeelys were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to serve as missionaries to Zambia. Prior to their commissioning, Don was the minister of education at Second for six years, and Helen was the children's director. Second not only contributed financial support for the McNeelys' work in Zambia, but they also provided housing and transportation when they returned home on furlough. In a letter to the church, Don and Helen said: "Our eyes have been opened as never before to world need and how we as God's people can be used to meet it. It is so thrilling to be part of His great plan."

MISSIONS EDUCATION

For many years, women at Second participated in the Women's Missionary Union (WMU), an organization created to provide missions discipleship resources in the local church through teaching, prayer and mission support. The WMU also

sponsored Girls in Action (GAs) and Royal Ambassadors (RAs), missions education programs for boys and girls, to foster a love for missions and missions involvement from an early age. As early as 1928, these programs were an important part of Second's missions education ministry.

TROPICAL STORM ALLISON RELIEF

Second has a long-established commitment to serving our community when disaster strikes. In June 2001, Tropical Storm Allison flooded more than 73,000 homes and 95,000 vehicles, as well as caused significant damage to the city's infrastructure. Members of Second quickly established a disaster relief program to assist with cleanup activities and repairs, as well as maintained a supply distribution center with groceries, baby supplies, clothing, cleaning supplies, toiletries, and - whenever possible - furniture and appliances for flood victims.

SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS AND CHURCH PLANTS

In addition to financial support for missionaries and strategic partners that carry God's love to communities around the world, Second provides opportunities for church members to experience missions firsthand through short-term mission trips throughout the year. It would be hard to overestimate the impact over the years from these trips to serve families, provide medical resources, build homes, and support local churches.

MISSIONS *at Second*

Our Approach to Missions is Threefold:

LOCAL MINISTRY PARTNERS

We partner with ministries across Houston to meet physical needs, share the hope of Christ, and serve our neighbors.

STRATEGIC INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

These partnerships allow us to feed children, plant churches, respond to crises, and bring the hope of Jesus to Houston, the United States, and the world at a scale that we could not achieve on our own.

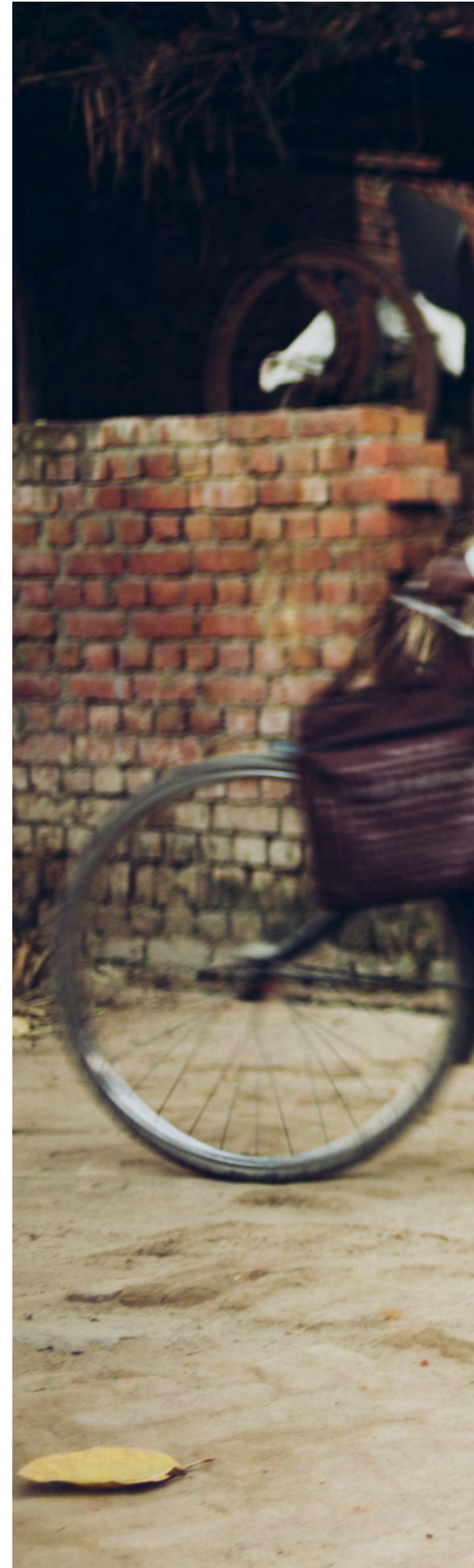
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES

We walk alongside and invest in missionaries around the world - from Montana to the Maldives - bringing the Gospel to the unreached.

When You Give to the World Mission Offering, You Play a Role In:

- Feeding thousands of children daily
- Relieving the homeless in our city
- Funding pregnancy centers and providing sonograms for thousands of expectant mothers
- Planting churches in the Middle East
- Supporting disaster relief in communities devastated by tragedy
- Empowering sports ministries to share the Gospel with at-risk youth
- Laying a foundation of practical skills and Gospel hope to families around the city
- Offering hope to survivors of sex trafficking in India
- Providing quality medical care to those with little access in Houston to the most impoverished communities in Africa
- Bringing God's Word to unreached places in native languages

And so much more.





OUR GOAL:
\$1 MILLION ABOVE
OUR REGULAR GIVING

Angels of Light	\$250,000
Local Ministry Partners	\$460,000
Strategic Partnerships	\$160,000
International Missionaries	\$130,000

ANGELS *of light*

Helping Houston
Families Find Hope
at Christmas

Goal: \$250,000

For 37 years, the Second family has had the privilege of making Christmas unforgettable for children and families throughout Houston. Families from across our community are bused to one of our six campuses, where they are warmly welcomed by the Second family. They enjoy a meal together, receive a special Christmas gift, and experience the joy of Christmas in a place where they are seen, valued, and loved. Most importantly, every family hears a clear presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and has an opportunity to respond to the Good News.

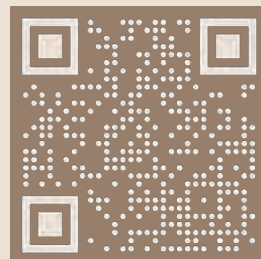
Through your financial generosity to the World Mission Offering, 8,700 Angels from Houston's inner-city and surrounding communities will be blessed with a Christmas experience they will never forget.



angels



*Scan to learn
about the heart
and history behind
Angels of Light.*





Local

local ministry partners

Bringing Hope
to Houston

Goal: \$460,000



Every day in our city, people face deep and pressing needs. As a church, we are grateful to partner with many ministries that bring the hope of the Gospel to our city in practical and life-changing ways. These partners not only meet real physical needs but also point people to the transforming love of Christ. As we walk alongside them, we join God in bringing restoration, dignity, and the good news of Jesus to our community. While our church supports many kinds of local ministries doing important work throughout the city, we intentionally focus on four key areas where the need is great and the opportunity for impact is profound.

HOMELESS MINISTRIES

In the Greater Houston Area, thousands of men, women, and children are experiencing homelessness. Our ministry partners are dedicated to offering comprehensive support that addresses the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of this vulnerable population. By providing housing, workforce training, substance abuse programs, financial literacy education, and life management skills, they aim to empower individuals on their journey to stability.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

The nuclear family is the foundation of society. Our ministry partners are committed to restoring dignity and wholeness to families in need, while sharing the power of the Gospel to transform families. They work across the city, offering support to single mothers, providing college and career preparation for students, assisting with meals and clothing, and offering employment services and financial guidance to parents.

PREGNANCY CARE MINISTRIES

Our pregnancy care ministries are dedicated to helping women find hope and reclaim joy during their pregnancies. Your contributions will support expectant mothers with free reproductive healthcare, including ultrasounds, prenatal care courses, diapers, and baby clothing. These ministries not only address maternal needs but also share the hope of the Gospel with these women.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING MINISTRIES

Houston is the epicenter of human trafficking in the United States. Our ministry partners are committed to ending this tragedy in our city through awareness, intervention, and restoration. They offer support to rescued victims and tirelessly work to raise awareness through events, seminars, and educational training.

MEETING NEEDS *across the city*

The Greater Houston Area is home to more than 40,000 nonprofit organizations doing important work in our city. Among them, the Second family is honored to partner with 36 local ministry partners who are set apart by something greater: they are proven collaborators in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Each year, we prayerfully and intentionally evaluate these partners not only for their Gospel impact and financial integrity, but also to understand their most tangible needs. Why? So we can partner with them in ways that strengthen their ministry, fuel their mission, and help them reach more people with the life-changing hope of Jesus.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

- 1 Boys and Girls Country of Houston
- 2 Camp Blessing Texas
- 3 C.E.N.T.E.R. Ministries
- 4 Cypress Assistance Ministries
- 5 Forge For Families Inc
- 6 Generation One
- 7 Gospel Lakes Ranch
- 8 Gracewood
- 9 Hope for Youth
- 10 Kids' Meals
- 11 Loving Kids (Multiple Locations)
- 12 Miracle Farm Boys Ranch
- 13 Mission Centers of Houston
- 14 Mission Northeast
- 15 Neighborhood Kidz Club
- 16 Sports Quest
- 17 SpringSpirit Sports and Education Complex (Multiple Locations)
- 18 Star of Hope Men's Development Center
- 19 Star of Hope Women & Family Development Center
- 20 The Hangar Unity Center
- 21 West Houston Assistance Ministries
- 22 Yellowstone Schools

SEX TRAFFICKING MINISTRIES

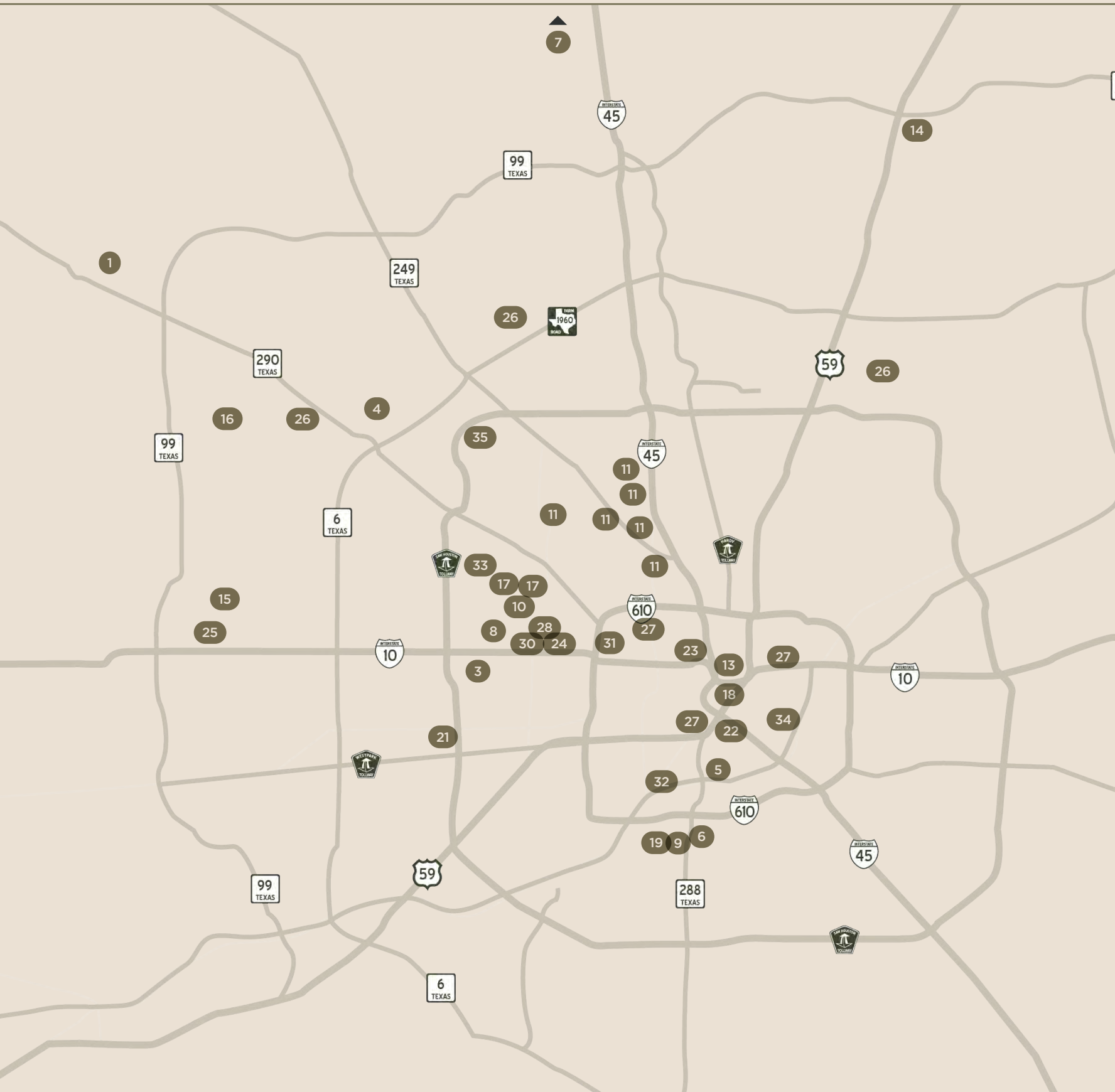
- 23 Elijah Rising
- 24 Freedom Church Alliance

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES

- 25 Adira Clinic
- 26 Houston Pregnancy Center (Multiple Locations)
- 27 Houston Pregnancy Help Center (Multiple Locations)
- 28 The Source - Spring Branch Clinic

OTHER MINISTRIES

- 29 Christ Clinic - Katy
- 30 Greater Generational Ministries
- 31 Goodwill Industries of Houston
- 32 Hospitality Apartments
- 33 Mission of Yahweh
- 34 Open Door Mission
- 35 PTSD Foundation of America | Camp Hope
- 36 The Brookwood Community





CHRIST *clinic*

HEALING THAT RESTORES HOPE THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED

For years, Maria* carried more than the weight of a medical diagnosis. The uncertainty of unanswered health concerns, the financial burden of being uninsured, and the fear of not knowing where to turn had become part of everyday life. Like so many in the community, access to quality healthcare felt out of reach.

Then, God opened a door.

When Maria walked into Christ Clinic, it wasn't just another doctor's appointment. It was the beginning of a journey marked by compassion, healing, and hope. What began as a search for medical care became an encounter with the love of Christ through people who were willing to listen, serve, and walk alongside her every step of the way.

For more than 25 years, Christ Clinic has been extending the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate, high-quality healthcare to uninsured and underinsured individuals and families throughout the Greater Katy and Houston area. Every patient who walks through the doors is treated with dignity because every person is created in the image of God and deeply loved by Him.

At Christ Clinic, healthcare is about more than treating illness. The physicians, nurses, counselors, pharmacists, and volunteers care for the whole person—body, mind, and spirit. Every exam room becomes an opportunity to share hope, offer prayer, and remind someone that they are not forgotten.

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healing



As Maria received the medical care she needed, something even greater began to happen. Fear slowly gave way to peace. Isolation was replaced with community. Through every appointment, every conversation, and every prayer, God was writing a story of restoration.

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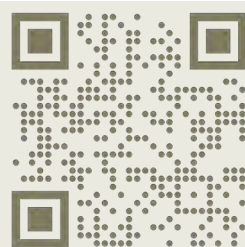
Today, Maria reflects on Christ Clinic as more than the place where she received healthcare. It is where she experienced the love of Christ in a tangible way. The healing she found reached far beyond medicine—it restored hope.

Stories like this unfold every day at Christ Clinic. Last year alone, thousands of patient visits represented opportunities to meet people in moments of vulnerability with excellent medical care, genuine compassion, and the life-changing hope of the Gospel. Whether helping someone manage diabetes, recover from illness, access affordable medications, receive counseling, or simply know they are seen and valued, every interaction reflects Christ's love in action.



Jesus' earthly ministry was marked by compassion for those who were hurting. He healed the sick, welcomed the forgotten, and met both physical and spiritual needs. That same calling continues today through the faithful work of Christ Clinic and Second's partnership in this mission.

**Name changed to protect privacy.*



*If you are a medical
professional and would like
to volunteer with Christ Clinic,
scan the QR code to receive
more information.*



PHOTO ON PREVIOUS PAGE Maria*, a patient at Christ Clinic
PHOTOS ON THIS PAGE (FROM TOP) High-quality healthcare and health-related services to those who are uninsured or under-insured; Primary & Preventative Care; Medication Assistance and Pharmacy Services; Specialty Care

HOSPITALITY *apartments*



FOR MORE THAN FIVE DECADES, HOSPITALITY APARTMENTS HAS QUIETLY SERVED AS ONE OF HOUSTON'S MOST COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES, PROVIDING A TEMPORARY HOME FOR PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS WHO MUST TRAVEL TO THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER FOR EXTENDED MEDICAL TREATMENT.

Located just blocks from world-renowned hospitals such as MD Anderson Cancer Center, Memorial Hermann, Texas Children's Hospital, and Houston Methodist, the nonprofit exists to remove one of the greatest burdens families face during a medical crisis: finding affordable, safe housing far from home.

Their story began in 1968, when its founders recognized that many patients from outside Houston were forced to remain in the city for weeks or months while receiving outpatient treatment but could not afford hotel costs. Their solution was remarkably simple: rent a single apartment in a converted Army barracks and offer it as inexpensive lodging to families in need. As demand increased, the ministry expanded to all four units of the building, creating what became the first Hospitality Apartments. What started as a burden to meet the needs of one family grew with God's help. Today, Hospitality Apartments has 46 units.

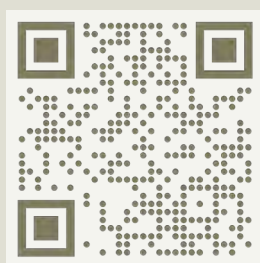
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That verse serves as more than a slogan—it shapes every aspect of the organization's work. Unlike many nonprofits, Hospitality Apartments operates with no paid employees. Its maintenance, administration, transportation assistance, hospitality events, and daily operations are carried out almost entirely by volunteers.

The impact of Hospitality Apartments extends far beyond providing a place to sleep. Since opening its doors in 1968, the ministry has welcomed more than 9,000 guests from around the world, many of whom are battling cancer or other life-threatening illnesses. For families facing months of treatment, Hospitality Apartments offers stability, community, and hope during one of life's most difficult seasons.

Today, Hospitality Apartments remains one of Houston's most enduring examples of Christian hospitality in action—a ministry that has faithfully demonstrated for nearly sixty years that caring for the sick involves not only medical treatment but also providing a welcoming home, compassionate community, and tangible expression of God's love during times of greatest need.



Scan to watch one family's story of hope through the care of Hospitality Apartments.



Share with
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Practice
hospitality.

ROMANS 12:13

hospitality

THE FORGE for families

For nearly two decades, Second Baptist Church has been faithfully walking alongside The FORGE for Families, helping transform lives in Houston's Greater Third Ward. Since 2008, your partnership has been far more than financial support—you have become family.

Dear Second Family,

When Second Baptist first joined us in 2008, The FORGE's ministry centered on After-School Enrichment, basketball camps, and mentoring middle school students. Your faithful partnership has helped us grow into a comprehensive ministry that now serves children, teens, and parents through After-School Enrichment, Jump Start—our high school leadership and career development program—Summer Day Camp, AAU Basketball and Youth Athletics, The SET teen leadership initiative, High Energy Mentoring, and meaningful collaborations with local high schools.

Your generosity has also allowed us to create a campus where children feel safe, welcomed, and valued. Your financial gifts have provided transportation for our students, a state-of-the-art climbing wall—the only one of its kind in the neighborhood—and a new air conditioning system for our gymnasium. These investments ensure that children have reliable transportation, unique opportunities to build confidence and teamwork, and a safe, comfortable place to learn, play, and grow during Houston's long, hot summers. Just as meaningful is the gift of your time. Year after year, Second Baptist members faithfully serve alongside us - mentoring students, leading projects, hosting activities, and building relationships that point children and families to the love of Christ. Your hands and hearts have made an eternal difference in the lives of those we serve.

In 2025 alone, more than 3,000 children, teens, and parents experienced hope, encouragement, academic support, mentorship, and the love of Christ through these ministries. Every child who discovers their God-given potential, every family strengthened, and every life changed is a testimony to what God can accomplish through faithful partners like Second Baptist.

Thank you for believing in our mission, standing with us through the years, and being an indispensable part of The FORGE family. Because of your faithful partnership, lives are being changed today, families are being strengthened for generations to come, and the love of Jesus Christ is being shared throughout our community.

Serving in Him,

Dana L. Thomas, Executive Director



JARREN'S *story*

Jarren grew up in Houston with his family. His mom and dad worked hard to provide for him, and during his high school years, he embraced an opportunity that would change his life. Through The FORGE, Jarren joined the basketball team and became part of what God was doing through the ministry.

At The FORGE, Jarren was able to play the sport he loved while also gaining life lessons through its programs. Coaches and mentors invested in him, sharing their time and the truth of God's Word. During those years, Jarren realized he had the opportunity not only to attend college but also to play basketball. He became the first person in his family to not only attend college but also graduate.

Even while away at school, the relationships and mentors he found through The FORGE continued to encourage and support him. Afterward, the Lord opened the door for him to return to Houston with a job opportunity.

Today, Jarren is working, seeking what the Lord has for him next, and giving back as a coach for The FORGE basketball team. He says it's surreal to encourage younger players because it wasn't long ago, he was in their shoes. Jarren would tell you that, though we don't always see God's plan, we should take advantage of every opportunity because we never know what God is going to do.

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THE POWER OF A *Simple Gift*

Earlier this year, our church had the opportunity to donate folding chairs provided by our partnership with Convoy of Hope to several of our local sports ministry partners. These chairs offer a simple place for parents, grandparents, and siblings to sit as they watch their children practice and compete. But their impact goes far beyond the sidelines.

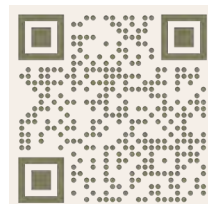
At every practice and every game, coaches use these chairs to gather children and share the Gospel, creating lasting spiritual connections. What began as a simple gift became a place for something eternal.

That is the power of a single act of generosity. God takes our gift and multiplies it for His Kingdom. When you give to the World Mission Offering, every dollar helps meet a tangible need and creates opportunities to make an eternal difference.

SERVE *our city*

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH IS HONORED TO SERVE
THE CITY OF HOUSTON IN MANY WAYS.

Through our local ministry partners, we see God continue to move and change hearts and lives in Houston. All our ministry partners have various needs at different times throughout the year. If you would like to stay informed about opportunities to serve and support our local ministry partners, simply **email missions@second.org or scan the QR code** and we will add you to our email list.





International

strategic international partnerships

Extending the Reach of the Gospel Together

Goal: \$160,000

At Second, our vision goes beyond simply supporting local ministries and sending missionaries abroad. We are committed to building strong, strategic partnerships across the globe. These partners have the unique capacity to carry out ministry on a massive scale - feeding the hungry, protecting the vulnerable, responding to crises, reaching the unreached, and bringing Gospel hope to the hurting around the world.

Each of our strategic partners is laser-focused on the Gospel and equipped to make an eternal impact in places and at a scale we could never reach alone. When you give to the World Mission Offering, you are unleashing a wave of Gospel power that transforms lives around the world.

“FOR I WAS HUNGRY, AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT; I WAS THIRSTY, AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO DRINK; I WAS A STRANGER, AND YOU INVITED ME IN.”
MATTHEW 25:35



CONVOY of hope

Convoy of Hope is on a mission to feed the hungry and bring help and hope to communities that need it most. Through partnerships with local churches, businesses, civic organizations, and government agencies, Convoy of Hope serves people who are impoverished, hungry, and hurting around the world.



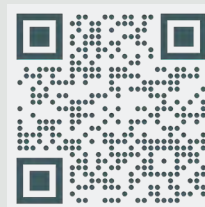


A CONDUIT OF HOPE | LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Second Baptist Church continues to shine the light of Christ throughout the city of Houston. Through partnerships with local ministries and strategic partners, God has used the generosity of our church family to meet tangible needs and strengthen the work already happening in our community.

This year, our partnership with Convoy of Hope provided food, cleaning supplies, chairs, and other essential items to several of our local ministry partners. Each donation met a practical need and often made an impact beyond the item itself. By receiving supplies they would otherwise have needed to purchase, ministries were able to redirect limited resources toward other needs and expand the ways they serve their communities.

Sometimes making a Kingdom difference begins with something as simple as a box of food, a case of cleaning supplies, or even a chair. Each one becomes a tool that helps our ministry partners continue sharing the hope of Christ throughout Houston.



Scan the QR code to see where these supplies went and how they are being put to work.

A CONDUIT OF HOPE | DISASTER RELIEF

When disaster strikes, people are often left facing unimaginable loss and uncertainty. For years, Second Baptist Church has responded by serving those in need and sharing the hope of Christ amid difficult circumstances. Through our partnership with Convoy of Hope, that reach extends even farther.

Just last summer, our church family responded to the devastating Hill Country floods through Hope for the Hills. This past year, when powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela, we were able to respond in a different way. Although we could not send a team from Second, Convoy of Hope connected with our missionary in the region and local churches on the ground, providing medical kits and essential supplies to help them care for their communities.

Even when we cannot be there ourselves, our partnership with Convoy of Hope allows us to respond. In the midst of one of the worst disasters in the country's history, our church and our partners were able to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We look forward to the ways God will continue to use this partnership to meet immediate needs, strengthen local churches, and build His Kingdom.

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Venezuela Response *At A Glance*

Individuals served: **69,933**

Meals Distributed: **104,078**

Hygiene Kits Distributed: **300**

Water Filters Distributed: **103**



A CONDUIT OF HOPE | FEEDING CHILDREN

For many children around the world, knowing where their next meal will come from is not a certainty. Through our partnership with Convoy of Hope, Second Baptist Church is helping meet that need one meal at a time.

Every school day, Convoy of Hope provides nutritious meals to more than 677,000 children in 40 partner countries. But the impact goes beyond a meal. More than simply meeting the physical need of hunger, this work reflects the heart of Jesus by caring for children with compassion, dignity, and love. By serving alongside local partners, Convoy of Hope demonstrates the hope of the Gospel in tangible ways, reminding children and families that they are seen, valued, and deeply loved by God.

Through your generous gifts, Second Baptist is able to support partners like Convoy of Hope as they meet practical needs and share the hope of the Gospel around the world.

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ABDUL'S *story*



Some of the Convoy of Hope team recently visited a Program Center about 12 hours outside of Nairobi, Kenya. When the team arrived, the Program Center Director told them they must meet Abdul and hear his story. First, they needed to understand the context of Abdul's life and upbringing in this village. The village is primarily Muslim and Islam is woven into the fabric of their community. When a baby is born, before the umbilical cord is cut, someone in the room will take a piece of chalk and write the Shahada, which says "There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is the prophet of Allah." They will then take a wet rag, wipe the chalk off, and drip it into the baby's mouth. Islam is not just their religion; it is their identity.

This village is quite poor, and many struggle with food insecurity. Convoy of Hope was able to establish a Program Center there, and Abdul was sent so his family could ensure he would receive at least one meal each day. When children attend Convoy programs, they do not only get a warm meal and clean water; they also go through our Spiritual Formation classes and hear the Gospel! When Abdul began attending the program, he loved that part so much he would take the materials home and read ahead. After two weeks of being in the program, Abdul

came to the center and said, "I have been reading in the Gospels, and I believe I am supposed to make Jesus my Lord and Savior. Can you help me to do that?" The team immediately led him in a salvation prayer, and Abdul committed himself to Jesus. But he did not stop there! He continued to read his Bible, and after another week, came back to the team at the Program Center and said, "I read that my Jesus was baptized, and if my Jesus was baptized, I want to be baptized too." That day, Abdul made a public declaration of his faith in Jesus!

As you can imagine, his family and community did not support his newfound faith. After Abdul made the decision to give his life to Jesus, his family kicked him out of the house, and he was forced to live with members of the team from the Convoy of Hope Program Center. But Abdul's family continued to observe him daily. After 2 weeks, they came to the Program Center and asked the team, "What have

you done with our son? We have been watching him, and he always has a smile on his face. He is always helping others. What has changed in our son to cause him to have so much joy?" The Convoy of Hope team shared with the family that Abdul was changed by Jesus, and they could have Him too. That day, Abdul's entire family gave their lives to the Lord!



CONVOY OF
HOPE®

SEED COMPANY

All Scripture for All People



DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE OR A BOOK YOU RETURN TO TIME AND TIME AGAIN?

Perhaps it's a peaceful verse in the Psalms that reminds you of God's presence in times of need. Maybe it's the book of John, where you find comfort in the words of Jesus and strength in the promise of eternal life. For many of us, Scripture is never far away. We carry it on our phones, place it on our shelves, memorize it in worship, and quote it in moments of need. But what if the Bible you hold so dearly was not available in the language you understand best?

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For many people around the world, that is still the reality. They do not have a full copy of God's Word in their heart language. That is why Second is grateful to partner with Seed Company in the work of bringing "All Scripture to All People." More than 1 billion people still do not have access to the full Bible in their language. Seed Company works alongside local Bible translators, churches, and communities to help place God's Word into the hands and hearts of unreached people groups around the world. The need is great, and the opportunity is urgent. Scripture tells us, "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. 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?" (Romans 10:13-14). We have a tremendous opportunity to help bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world, one people group at a time.

Over the next two years, our church is committed to a \$75,000 gift that will help put the New Testament into the hands of the Batuku people, an indigenous community of cattle keepers and fishermen who live on the shores of Lake Albert on the border of Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. With this gift, more than 97,000 people in Southwest Uganda will have access to God's Word in their heart language. Seed Company is accelerating Bible translation for the Batuku so that the entirety of the New Testament—all 7,957 verses—will be translated into the Rutuku language. This means families will be able to hear the words of Jesus in a way that speaks to the heart. Pastors will be able to preach from Scripture with clarity and confidence. Children will grow up hearing the stories of God's redemption in the language they use at home, in worship, and in community.

Our church's commitment will help provide printed and audio New Testaments, as well as a production of the "JESUS" film in the Rutuku language. These tools will allow people to hear the voice of God, encounter the truth of the Gospel, and be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Through the World Mission Offering, church leaders will be equipped to evangelize the lost and disciple believers, communities will be strengthened as the Gospel takes root, and generations will be impacted by the written Word of God. As we give, pray, and partner together, we are joining God's global mission to make His name known among all peoples.



Bakoko Bible Translation Dedication and Celebration in Cameroon

A CHANGED *destiny*



By Mark Taylor, Founder

Changing Destiny is an organization working to break generational cycles of trafficking, injustice, and limited opportunity in South Asia by providing vulnerable children with quality education and empowering women and families with the skills and support to build safe, hopeful futures.

Sunita was born on the side of a road.

Her mother had believed, once, that the man beside her was her husband. Instead, he beat her, betrayed her, and sold her into one of South Asia's largest red-light districts.

In that district, Sunita's mother became one of thousands of women trapped in a room barely bigger than the bed inside it, forced to see as many as 2,000 men in a year.

Sunita grew up in that room. There was no door to close, nowhere else to send her. She learned the things children in those rooms learn and saw what her own future was likely to hold.

THAT WAS THE PLAN THE
WORLD HAD FOR HER,
BUT GOD HAD A
DIFFERENT ONE.

When our outreach team met her mother, they offered Sunita a place at our school. Leaving would mean giving up the only life Sunita had known. It would also mean a bed, food, an education, people to care for her, and hope for a better life.

In a courageous act of sacrificial love, her mom begged us to take her.

Today, Sunita is one of around 200 children living on our campus, on the border of India and Nepal. She plays basketball. She sings in the choir. She's learning to code and, somehow, has developed strong opinions about artificial intelligence. She is also, unmistakably, an artist. Give her paper and colour and she disappears into it for hours. She talks about selling her paintings one day and building a life on her own terms.

Her mother still visits. Like most of the mothers of our children, she arrives carrying two things at once: grief for the trauma she has endured and gratitude that it will not happen to her daughter.

I didn't set out to run a school for children rescued from trafficking. I set out to answer one question.

In 2015, I was in Nepal after the earthquake. Amid all the rubble and grief, I watched a truck pull away with children in the back, girls the same age as my own daughter, being taken toward the red-light districts across the border. Nobody was stopping it. Nobody had the time.

I remember standing there thinking: what if we could save five of them?

Everyone told me why it wouldn't work. Mothers wouldn't hand their children to strangers. No one wanted children from brothel communities. The stigma runs too deep, the costs too high, the wounds too complicated. I understood the warnings. I just didn't believe they were the whole story.

We believed those mothers still loved their children, and that love, given a real door to walk through, would take it. We believed a good education could interrupt a cycle that had run for generations. And we believed then and still do that every one of these children was made in the image of God, not defined by the room they were born into.

Changing Destiny started with five children in mind. We now have close to 200, and a waiting list of mothers asking us to take theirs.

We don't run this as a rescue operation that ends at the school gate. We know every child by name: how they're doing in math, whether they're sleeping well, who's struggling and who's just found something they're good at. We've graduated two classes now. Some are training as nurses. Others are studying science or education. We stay with them through university, because the rescue that stops at safety isn't finished.

You won't see these children's faces plastered across a fundraising campaign. We're careful about that, deliberately so. A child who survived a brothel deserves a future where that's not the first fact anyone learns about her. Ours are not "trafficking survivors" first. They're basketballers, painters, choir members, future scientists or teachers. Children, first and always.

The district Sunita came from is still there. The women in those rooms will continue to be exploited tonight. The darkness is real and enormous.

But so is the light. In a classroom full of laughter, on a basketball pitch, in the moment a mother sees her child in a school uniform for the first time and truly understands that her story doesn't have to repeat.

ONE CHILD, ONE FUTURE,
CHANGED AT A TIME.





Missionaries

Mathare slum in Nairobi, Kenya

international missionaries

Answering the Call
to Serve and Share
Around the World

Goal: \$130,000



From the bustling streets of Central and South America to the rugged landscapes of Iran and the vast continent of Africa, the Second Family is standing with missionaries who are taking the Gospel to some of the hardest and most unreached places on Earth.

The missionaries we support are not strangers to us. Many of our missionaries are deeply woven into the life of our church—some even began their journey right here at Second Baptist. Called by God from the pews you sit in, they were sent out by our church family and have been faithfully supported for years.

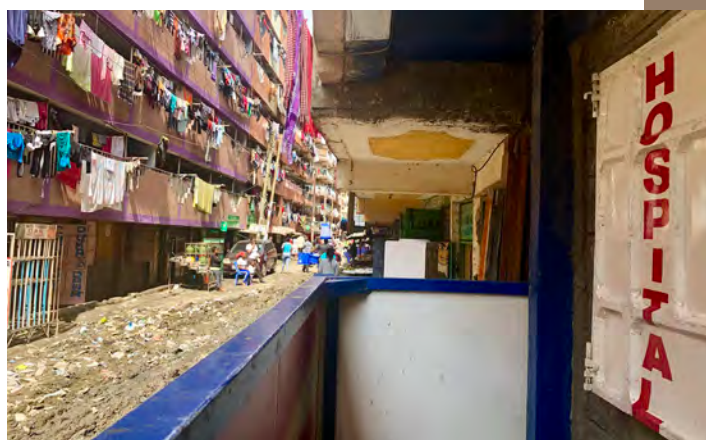
No matter where they serve, they share the same heartbeat: “Say among the nations, ‘The Lord reigns’” (Psalm 96:10). They long to see the light of the Gospel pierce spiritual darkness and for the Lordship of Jesus Christ to be embraced by people in even the most remote and resistant corners of the earth.

When you give to the World Mission Offering, you help open doors for the Gospel, strengthen weary hands in the field, and plant seeds of eternal hope across the globe.

“DECLARE HIS GLORY
AMONG THE NATIONS,
HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS
AMONG ALL PEOPLES.”
PSALM 96:3

HOW DO WE *help her?*

TWO ENCOUNTERS THAT
SHAPED A MISSION
TO BRING HEALING,
HOPE, AND THE GOSPEL
TO VULNERABLE
COMMUNITIES



FROM TOP Builders Health Care Services clinic uses the Banda Go clinic management system to provide better quality care to patients in Pipeline Embakasi on the south side of Nairobi, Kenya; An infant receiving care at AIC Kijabe Hospital

A STORY FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY DR. STEVE LETCHFORD

A few years ago, I was on call at Kijabe Hospital, one of Africa's biggest mission hospitals. It was 4 am and the baby girl on the table in the emergency room was named Mumbi, a 7-day old little girl who lived 45 minutes away.

Not long after Mumbi was born she started vomiting. Her mom was very poor and so she waited, hoping the vomiting would stop by itself. But it didn't, and on day 3 when Mumbi was getting sicker, her mom took her to a little clinic near her house to see the nurse.

There is no doctor there - there almost never is in the poorest villages and slums. That little clinic was doing the best it could. The nurse gave Mumbi's mother a pink antibiotic. It's what they had; it's what they knew how to do. But it was nowhere close to what Mumbi needed. It was the wrong diagnosis and the wrong treatment. The clock was ticking.

On Day 7 when something was terribly wrong with this little girl, her mom in desperation showed up at Kijabe at 4am. But two hours later, as the sun came up, despite doing everything we could do, Mumbi died.

Her mom, who had been standing next to me for those two hours, just sobbed.

I asked myself that morning what I always ask, "God help me, what if she was my child. What if she was my granddaughter? What if taking one of my kids to the hospital meant that I wouldn't have enough money left to feed my other four children at home?"

Lucy, the head nurse on duty, asked what she always asks: "What did we do well? What could we have done better?" The team had done everything well that night; it was just too late. What we could have done better was to find a way to help that little clinic that saw Mumbi before it was too late.

Mumbi almost certainly had a problem that Kijabe Hospital's pediatric surgery, anesthesia and ICU team could have fixed with a high rate of cure if she had come the first day or two. And Kijabe Hospital already had funding through a program for needy families called Watsi that would have paid 100% of the costs for Mumbi's diagnosis. A 4-question screening tool already existed that would have confirmed in 20 seconds that Mumbi's family qualified for that Watsi funding.

And Mumbi went to a clinic that was only 45 minutes away. That little clinic just needed help making the right diagnosis quickly and getting Mumbi onto a motorcycle with her mom to come to Kijabe, knowing that the bills would be paid and someone would be there to help her. In the 21st century, there isn't a piece of that story that technology can't help us solve immediately.

But for the desperately poor, there is no paying market to drive innovation for a use case like Mumbi's, so no one has done it yet. Banda Health, a ministry of the Society for International Ministries (SIM) mission organization, is working to de-risk the innovations that are needed to make technology work where it is needed the most. We are asking and answering the question, "What will it look like when we can truly help a patient like Mumbi get the right diagnosis and the right treatment at the right time with the right funding, even though she was born into a world with the absolutely wrong socioeconomic profile?"

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care

Today, Banda's technology solution supports over 190 frontline clinics in slums and villages across 5 countries, serving 1.1 million patients annually with 3 million total visits to date.

Very early on our journey, as I was getting to know these little clinics in the slums, I met a clinical officer named Rebecca who opened my eyes to the wider reality. Two of us had just spent 3 hours sitting with Rebecca in her little one-exam-room, one-pharmacy-window clinic on a muddy backstreet in Nairobi's slums sorting out how our early version of BandaGo could work in her setting. I was excited by what technology could do to help her battling away with so few resources. But at the end of 3 hours, she looked at me with a sense of desperation and said, "Doctor, what am I going to do? I just delivered my 15th baby to a mother who initially sought an abortion. I talked with her and helped her see that God made and loved that baby. But now that she's had the baby, she has nowhere to go. She can't go back to school; she is staying with her sister; and she has no way to get a job or money. How do I help her?"

"What about that little church around the corner?" I asked.

"Doc, they don't know what to do."

I didn't know either, but I had friends who did.

Out of that came Banda's 2nd priority strategy: proactively building ministry partnerships to strengthen local believers and churches to address the overwhelming social and spiritual realities in their communities.

Today, we are working with 22 ministry partners to train and strengthen believers in 3 areas – proclaiming the Gospel in very spiritually vulnerable settings, equipping them with the leadership and discipleship training they need, and empowering them to care for the vulnerable – orphans, domestic violence survivors, the economically destitute, and more. Over 25% of our supported tech-empowered patient visits are with partners in least-reached people groups. Through these partnerships, Banda Health is helping to bring the hope of the Gospel to distressed and desperate communities – hope for today and hope for eternity.

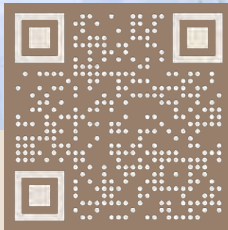


FROM TOP AIC Kijabe Hospital in Kijabe, Kenya; Builders Staff praying over an ICU patient at AIC Kijabe Hospital



ABOUT STEVE + SHERRI

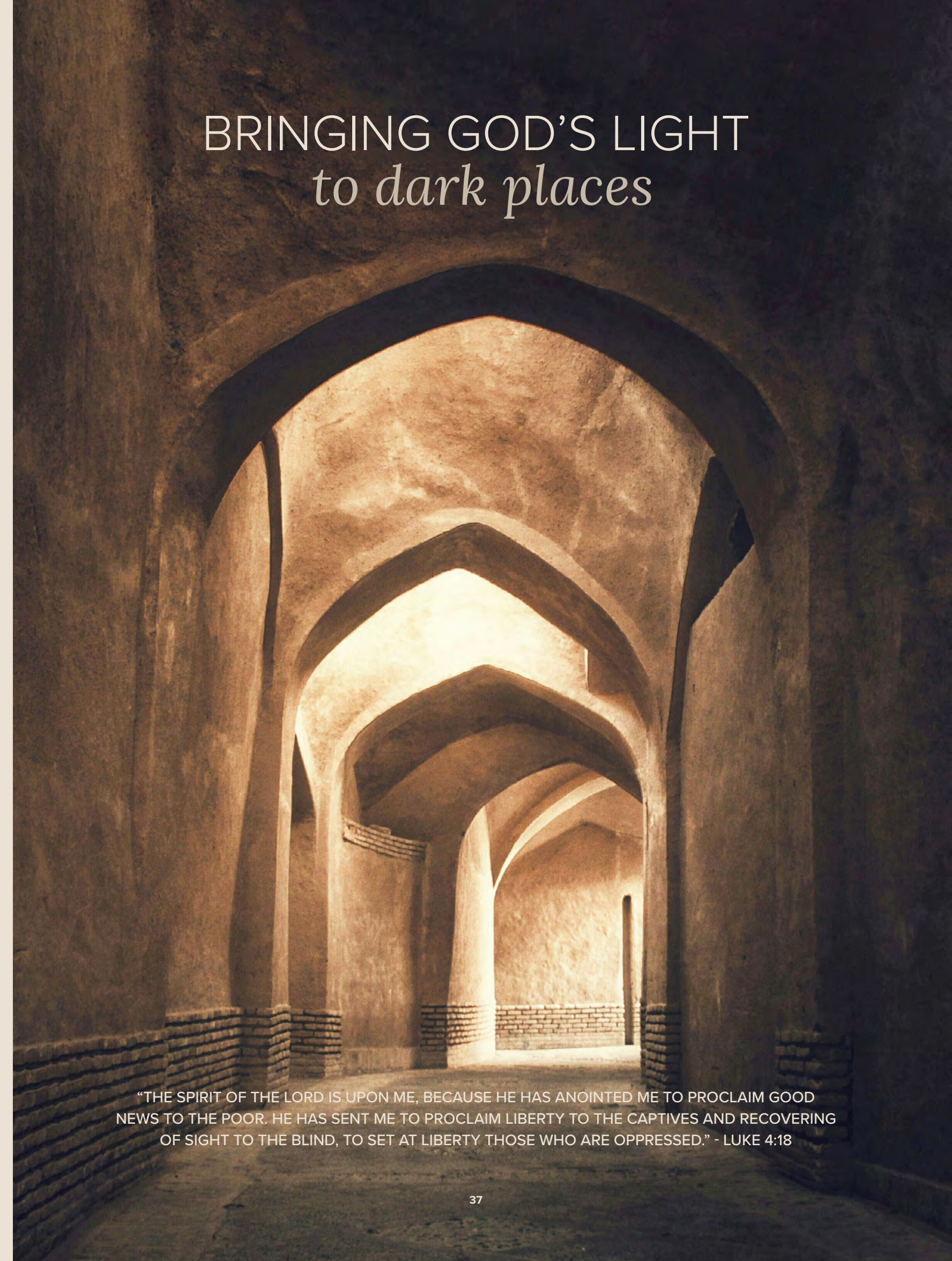
Letchford



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AFTER WORKING IN U.S. PRIVATE PRACTICE, DR. STEVE AND SHERRI LETCHFORD MOVED TO AFRICA WITH THEIR FAMILY TO LIVE AND WORK AT TWO MISSION HOSPITALS IN ZAMBIA AND KENYA FOR 25 YEARS. They are passionate about young African healthcare professionals knowing and serving Christ and making Him known amongst the poor and the economically and spiritually vulnerable.

Today, they lead SIM's Banda Health ministry, which brings Christ's love to vulnerable and exploited communities in Africa's slums and villages, using technology to empower the clinics that care for the sick, and ministry partnerships to strengthen the local believers and churches who bring good news to the despairing. Second Baptist has supported Steve and Sherri since they left for Africa in 1998 and provided the initial \$50,000 grant in 2012 that launched Banda Health.



BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT *to dark places*

"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES AND RECOVERING OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED." - LUKE 4:18

ABOUT THE YATES FAMILY

The Yates family lives and ministers in Northern Iraq, where they lead a house church, train indigenous leaders and serve people with both the hope of the Gospel and practical care. Their ministry there is an extension of a calling that began years before their family ever arrived in the Middle East.

Josh's own story is one of transformation. While in prison and on a destructive path, he encountered Jesus and his life radically changed. He left behind addiction, was discipled and began serving in ministry. In 2011, he met Donna, who shared his passion for Jesus and for reaching people with little or no access to the Gospel.

After marrying, Josh and Donna moved to India in 2013, where they served in church planting, disciple-making and ministry to street children. When circumstances unexpectedly brought them back to the United States, they continued seeking where God would lead them next. In 2016, that calling took the Yates family to Northern Iraq.

There, Josh and Donna began training indigenous leaders to reach people throughout Iraq, Iran and Syria with the Gospel. Their work grew into **FM 4:18 (Freedom Multiplied)**, a ministry focused on discreet missions in places where following Jesus can come at great cost. Today, the Yates family and FM 4:18 help train believers, multiply disciples, establish underground churches and distribute Bibles in places where Scripture is forbidden or difficult to obtain. They also care for vulnerable and often overlooked people, including orphans and prisoners, through education, food, medical care and other practical needs.

Through it all, the heart of the Yates family's ministry remains the same: to share the freedom they have found in Christ with all who need it.

In Iran, getting a Bible into someone's hands is not as simple as walking into a store and buying one. Every copy must be quietly printed, stored under cover and carried by hand to the person who will receive it. Behind each Bible is a network of printers, warehouse workers, couriers and local believers willing to take risks so that others can encounter God's Word in a language they understand.

Since 2017, FM 4:18 has helped deliver more than 400,000 Bibles in Iran. In 2025 and the first half of 2026 alone, 84,132 Bibles were shipped. But these numbers only tell part of the story.

FROM THE PRESS TO A PERSON

Before a Bible can be delivered, it first must be printed. In 2025, the Iran team directly printed 20,315 Bibles and shipped 37,132, with additional copies coming through partner print runs that FM 4:18 helped fund. Distribution is concentrated primarily in Kermanshah and Kurdistan provinces, where the courier network is strongest and the underground church is most established.

Among the Scriptures moving through this network is the Fish Edition New Testament, a smaller edition designed to be easily hidden and passed from person to person. Full Bibles are also printed for house-church libraries and new believers who are ready to receive the whole of Scripture.





Once printed, those Bibles need somewhere safe to wait for distribution. Storage spaces are rented in local currency and covertly appear like ordinary commercial operations. When a lease ends or a neighborhood begins to feel watched, the team moves. This allows Bibles to remain safely stored without requiring couriers to keep stacks of Scripture in their own homes. One shed behind a courtyard is stacked floor to ceiling with sacks of relief goods and hidden Scripture. The believer who works out of it left a handwritten sign in English: “Light prevails over darkness, and we are the selected messengers of peace and illumination. Jesus.”

From those storage locations, couriers carry the Bibles into communities. A single courier may make a dozen stops in one afternoon, meeting recipients in plazas and markets and traveling to rural villages.

A BIBLE IN EVERY BASKET

With war and a collapsing economy affecting daily life, nearly every Bible distribution run this year has included relief supplies. Rice, oil, tea and canned goods are packed together with a Bible or New Testament. A visit offering needed food can open a door that a visit offering Scripture alone might not. In this way, families receive something for both their immediate physical needs and their spiritual needs.

The strategy has led to unexpected opportunities. Recipients report discovering and reading the Bible tucked among their groceries, sometimes during quiet evenings when the lights and internet are down.

For those who cannot read, the ministry has found another way to make Scripture accessible. A \$1,900

investment in a 3D audio Bible printer has allowed recorded Scripture to reach believers who had never been able to access the Bible on their own. One field report simply said, “This woman met Jesus because we gave her an audio Bible.”

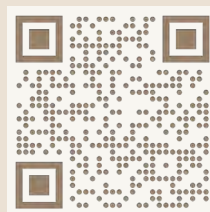
STILL MOVING

The ongoing conflict in the region has made an already difficult process even harder. Roads, checkpoints and communication have been disrupted, forcing couriers to reroute shipments, delay some distribution runs and depend more heavily on trusted local believers to carry Bibles the final distance.

Starlink terminals and cell phones provided to field leaders have helped printers, warehouse teams and couriers remain connected even when national networks go dark. That communication allows them to coordinate routes and identify safe drop points as conditions change.

Persecution has intensified in the region. A Bible distribution partner was arrested and tortured for seven days. After putting his house up as collateral for release, he was forced to flee the country with his wife and young son.

In spite of immense challenges, the work continues, Bible by Bible. Each one travels through danger to reach people who otherwise may have no access to God’s Word. For persecuted believers, Scripture strengthens faith in difficult circumstances, nourishes underground churches and equips them to share the Gospel. For those who do not yet believe, it offers an opportunity to encounter the truth of God’s Word for the first time. Almost half a million Bibles have made that journey since 2017 – each one carrying the hope of Christ into a place where it is desperately needed.



Scan the QR code to view the exciting work the Yates Family and FM 4:18 are doing in the Middle East.





OUR INTERNATIONAL *missionaries*

Many of our missionaries serve in countries that are hostile to Christianity. For the safety of our partners worldwide, we are sharing only their general country location.

MEXICO
COLOMBIA
ENGLAND
GERMANY
SYRIA
LEBANON
IRAN
NORTH AFRICA
INDIA
MALDIVES

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CALLED to go

GOD CAN USE ONE WILLING HEART TO MAKE AN ETERNAL IMPACT



AT SECOND, MISSIONS IS ABOUT SEEING THE GOSPEL REACH MORE PEOPLE IN MORE PLACES. That is why our church family not only supports missionaries, we send them. Every year, individuals from the Second family step into communities around the world with the hope of Christ. From the coffee mountains of Honduras to the south side of Chicago, we carry the Gospel wherever God opens a door. Our church family installs water filters in Guatemala, ministers in schools in England, and builds homes in Bulgaria. Jesus said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:37b-38)

When you join a short-term mission trip, you bring the gifts and experiences God has given you to serve alongside others who love Jesus and make an eternal impact. You do not have to be a full-time missionary to go. Whether you are a dentist, accountant, architect, stay-at-home mom, student, or retiree, God can use your life to help advance His kingdom.

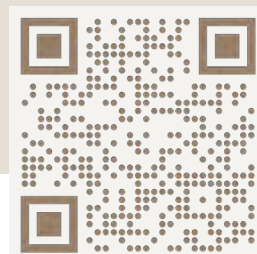
This past summer, some of our young adults traveled to Scunthorpe, England, to share the Gospel. During the day, they ministered in schools, and in the evenings, they connected with other young adults. In just one week, they invited people to an outreach event, prayer walked through the community, and watched people respond to the love and mercy of Jesus. They saw people who once had little interest in God become followers of

Jesus. For one week, they left Houston for a place many of us had never heard of and God used their obedience to make an eternal difference.

Another member of our church family, an oral surgeon, joined our team in Honduras and used his training to provide surgeries that many people could not otherwise access. He simply offered his gifts to the Lord, and God used them to not only care for essential physical needs but also open doors for people to hear and receive the Gospel.

So what does it take to go on a short-term mission trip? You do not need all the answers, and you do not need years of theological training. You only need a willing heart and a desire to serve. God can use your story, your skills, and your availability in ways you may never imagine. Maybe this is the year He is calling you to go. Maybe this year He is inviting you to step into the harvest.

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Scan to experience a short-term mission trip.



HEART FOR *missions*

FIND YOUR PLACE IN FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION

According to recent reports, the current world population exceeds 8.3 billion people.

These individuals belong to one of more than 12,000 distinct people groups, many of which have little or no exposure to the Gospel. These are daunting statistics, aren't they? More than two thousand years ago, Jesus told His disciples that "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" (Matthew 9:37). We understand that – as Great Commission Christians – we are all called to missions in different ways. As you've seen throughout these pages, making a Kingdom difference often begins with a single act of obedience. Consider the following ways to grow your heart for missions and ask God to show you the next step He is calling you to take as a faithful laborer in His harvest.

LEARN WHAT SECOND IS DOING

You have already taken a big step forward by reading this magazine and learning of the many ways Second supports missions locally and internationally. Take time to scan the QR codes throughout the magazine to learn even more about the ministries and missionaries highlighted in this issue. Take note of any stories or organizations that stir your heart or align with your gifts.

GIVE

In addition to what Second gives to support missions through the church's General Operating Budget, we designate October as a time to give "above-and-beyond" to our World Mission Offering. This year's goal, as well as ways to give, are included in this magazine.

PRAY

Build a habit of prayer for missions; consistent prayer will deepen your concern for people who need to hear and respond to the Gospel.

Pray for our local and international ministry partners.



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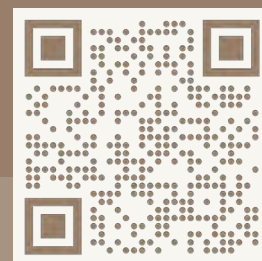
HONDURAS

CHICAGO

BRAZIL

ENGLAND

COLOMBIA



SAY YES TO GO

Scan the QR code and
complete the interest
form to get started.

Pray for the missionaries Second supports: for safety in areas of conflict or persecution, God's provision for their physical needs, and open doors to ministry success.

Pray for Second Family members who will participate in one of our church mission trips in the coming year.

And pray for yourself. Ask God to show you the next step He wants you to take as you support the Missions Ministry of our church.

SERVE

Our local ministry partners have frequent opportunities to serve in various ways for a few hours, a day, or on a regular basis. Angels of Light, Serve Houston, and periodic disaster relief initiatives are great ways to experience local missions firsthand. Annual collections such as toys, groceries, and clothing for Angels of Light and shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse make support for missions a family affair.

GO

As you give so that others can "Go" and make disciples, and as you pray for the people who will hear and respond to the Gospel, don't be surprised if you begin to feel a quiet nudge to step outside your comfort zone. Allow God to stretch you to say "yes" to a call to go wherever God leads. It may be across the street, or to someone in your school or office, or it may be to apply to participate in a short-term mission trip. Whatever it is, start by being faithful where you are and committing to love and serve the people God brings into your life.

THANK you

GENEROSITY MULTIPLIED

Throughout these pages, you've seen what God can do through simple acts of faithfulness.

One meal can remind a child that they are seen and loved. One Bible in a native language can place the truth of God's Word into waiting hands. One mission trip can bring hope to a community. One person who sees a need and chooses to respond can begin something that transforms an entire community.

And when one act of faithfulness joins another, the impact multiplies. One gift joins another. One act of obedience inspires the next. Through the collective faithfulness of His people, God accomplishes more than any one of us could do alone.

That is the heart behind the World Mission Offering. Each gift becomes part of the collective generosity of our church family, and that generosity is multiplied through trusted ministry partners already at work in communities around the world. Together, we can go farther, reach more people, meet more needs, strengthen more ministries, and create more opportunities for people to hear the good news of Jesus. What begins with many individual acts of generosity becomes one shared mission with an impact far beyond ourselves.

As you finish reading, we invite you to consider one simple question:

What is one step God may be asking you to take?

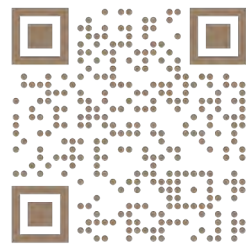
Maybe it is to give. Maybe it is to pray. Maybe it is to go. Maybe it is simply to share one of these stories with someone else.

Whatever your next step, never underestimate what God can do when one willing heart joins with many others in a simple act of obedience.

KEEP THE STORIES GOING

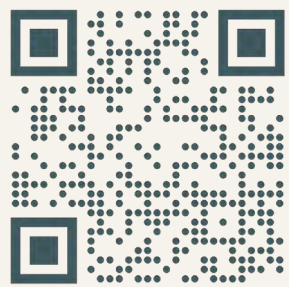
There is more to see beyond these pages. **Scan the QR code below to watch videos that bring these stories and the people behind them to life.**

And when you're finished, don't let the story end here. Pass this magazine along to a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member and invite them to see what God is doing through His Church around the world.



WAYS TO *give*

Every gift to the **World Mission Offering** is a seed of hope planted in lives across the street and around the world. Your giving is vital to the work we do, because it provides the resources that make ministry possible—equipping missionaries, supporting local partners, and meeting needs around the world in Jesus' name. God invites each of us to be part of His redemptive story by sending the good news where it has not yet been heard. As you pray and give, you are joining in His mission to bring light to dark places, to meet needs with compassion, and to make Christ known among the nations. Ask God how He would have you step out in faith, and let your generosity become a testimony of His love at work through you.



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