



Emmanuel Baptist Church

- MISSIONS -



2022/23

"...Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest."

John 4:35



Emmanuel Baptist Church

Philosophy & Mission Statement

Missions is the sending of qualified people from a local church to people outside their normal sphere of influence in order to meet spiritual needs through preaching the gospel, making disciples, planting churches, and ministering to the total needs of people (including support and relief ministries) within the context of Biblical priorities.

The need for missionary work issues out of God's character (John 3:16), Christ's command (Matthew 28:19), the compulsion of love (2 Cor. 5:14), and the condition of the lost (Rom. 10:14-5).

There are billions of people that are still beyond the reach of any Christian witness by existing churches in their area. Reaching them often requires crossing cultural, linguistic or geographic barriers.

Missionaries and mission agencies are an arm of the local church that has specialized in crossing these barriers.

Missions Committee:

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Ministry Locations: Emmanuel Baptist Church

Canada	Indonesia	Madagascar
Czech Republic	Japan	Namibia
Ireland	Mexico	Panama





Conan & Julana Arndt

Faith Mission Camp
Falkland, British Columbia

We are missionaries with the Faith Mission (in Canada) and are based at the Faith Mission Bible Camp near Falkland, BC. Our mandate is to come alongside the local rural church and assist in the areas of prayer, discipleship and evangelism! We direct and operate as a Bible Camp and a Retreat Centre through out the year. We are so thankful to watch as God has been growing this ministry both in numbers and in fruit, as we are seeing kids and teens surrendering their hearts to God!

"In the summer months we run kids camps and work with our camp staff as they serve the Lord! We praise God for the kids that come through the property and rejoice when they surrender their hearts to God! Our goal with camp is to share God's love as a branch from the church and connect kids to the churches in their communities that they may be discipled and mentored as a part of the body of Christ!

We continue to meet with our summer camp staff throughout the year in the effort to create an aspect of year-round discipleship. We hold Bible Studies with our staff throughout the year and have seen their passion for God's Word continue to grow and stretch them through the year!

During the off season from camp we run youth groups and a kids club in Falkland! It is incredible to watch as God continues to grow this ministry and pour into the hearts and lives of these kids and their families. We are seeing many opportunities for discipleship with those who have surrendered their hearts before God in response to the gospel! It is our desire to reach the community of Falkland with the gospel and show God's love to them as a part of their community growing community! Conan continues to meet with Pastors and provide pulpit supply for different churches throughout the Okanagan.



Prayer Request:

- Please join with us in praying for a revival in Falkland and in the Okanagan Valley! We know that we must be obedient to the truth of the Scriptures and trust that the Holy Spirit will lead us and go before us, knowing that without the Holy Spirit we labour in vain.



Mel & Sally Boerema

North America Indigenous Ministries
Pincher Creek, Alberta

We are involved in Church development. Piikani Lighthouse Fellowship is a young developing Church in Brocket, Alberta on the Piikani Reserve which is part of the Blackfoot Confederation. "Church development" is the catch phrase used for "go and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We do this by seeking out those whom the Lord is calling to himself and teaching them to seek out those whom the Lord is calling.

Mel and Sally met while they attended the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music, and married shortly after graduating. Our church started supporting them in March 1977 after they were accepted to serve with North America Indigenous Ministries (NAIM). They started ministry with the Sto-lo people of Agassiz, British Columbia and from there they moved to Lytton, British Columbia to work among the Thompson (Ntlakyapamuk) people.

It was here that God burdened their hearts to serve people. They then moved on to Vernon, British Columbia among the Okanagan people to serve as interim director of Kla-How-Ya Wilderness trails. In 2001, this camping program moved to Alberta, taking the Boeremas with it. After five years, the trails program came to an end, but God then led Mel to pastor Piikani Lighthouse Fellowship on the Piikani Reserve. It is here that they continue to serve the Lord.



Praise:

- New believers, and believers who are taking positions of responsibility to minister in the community.
- The great joy of being in this adventure for Jesus Christ.

Prayer Request:

- Seeking out those whom the Lord is calling to himself
- The giving of room for developing leaders to use their gifts.



Bryce & Carolyn Carlaw

CrossWorld
Douglas, Cork, Ireland

Bryce & Carolyn have been serving in the Cork city suburb of Douglas since '98 along with their four children. A new church started there in May 2006, where Bryce is an elder and does the majority of teaching (as there is no pastor at the moment). Their desire is that the Douglas Baptist church will go on to reproduce and start a new church in the neighboring town.

Carolyn is Irish and grew up in Cork ; she put her faith in Jesus when she was 8 years old. Bryce is a Canadian/Irish dual citizen and grew up in various locations in the provinces of British Columbia & Alberta. Bryce began to follow Jesus at the age of 5 years old.

As a student at Prairie Bible College, Bryce did a short-term internship in Ireland in 1992. After finishing college, he ministered as intern associate pastor in his home church (Armstrong First Baptist) and then joined CrossWorld before going to Ireland permanently in 1995.

Carolyn finished her studies in University College Cork and then studied at Prairie Bible College. After joining CrossWorld herself, the Carlaws were married in 1998 and have been serving together in gospel work in Cork Ireland since that time. It has been a joy to see a new church started in May 2006. God has now added four children to the family: Nathan, Abigail, Jonothan and Hannah. Their work in Douglas is focused in several areas at the moment; Church leadership, making disciples, leadership development, Munster Bible College, camps, and church planting.



Prayer Request:

- Please pray for the new church in Passage West being launched from our church (Douglas Baptist Church). The new church will be constituted in early June, Lord willing. Pray that this new group of believers will see fruit through this gospel light being established in a needy community.
- Please pray for the church in Douglas as we send out a good number of people from our congregation to the new church in Passage West. We celebrate what God is doing! Yet, we're being stretched in Douglas with having less: teachers, leaders, musicians, children's volunteers and maturity in the body.
- Please pray for good health for all of us, particularly for Bryce's problems with his neck. We're still searching for answers regarding how to manage and address the pain and discomfort he's experiencing.



Denver & Katie Janz

Christian Educational Centre
San Carlos, Sonora, Mexico

Our names are Denver, Katie, our beautiful daughters Noel and Macy. We are currently serving at the Christian Educational Center (CEC) which is in San Carlos, Sonora, Mexico . This Bible School is dedicated to training up and further equipping men and women who are already in church ministry.

We are so thankful to God in how He has graciously blessed us while we have been here. Whether it has been a home that is suitable for our family, Denver's ability to comprehend Spanish at a positive rate, and the safety of our family. We have seen some amazing life transformation in our students, some even coming to faith in Jesus!



How can you pray for us and the ministry at CEC?

- **Pray that Denver will continue to learn Spanish well, quickly, and correctly.**
- **Pray for future students that come through our program, that their hearts will be molded and stirred by the Gospel as they sit through class and do life together.**
- **Pray that they (as well as us as staff) will be completely sold out for the great commission and our love for Christ's Bride.**
- **Pray against the work of the enemy, who so strongly desires to derail the work that is being done at CEC. That the students and staff would rest in the truths of the Gospel.**
- **Pray that finances would continue to come in for the operation of the school and future developments.**
- **Pray that Katie and I would continue to raise Noel and Macy in a Godly manner, that the Gospel may permeate their lives.**
- **Pray that God would provide us with the appropriate means to continue with house/property building projects and restoration.**





Thomas and Nicole Olney

InterAct
Thompson, Manitoba

Thomas and Nicole met at Prairie Bible Institute while studying in the aviation program. They were married in 2011.

Following a trip to Midway Bible Camp near Thompson Manitoba in the summer of 2016, they applied with InterAct Ministries.

Thomas and Nicole are both excited about the discipleship opportunities that exist as well as hopefully using their aviation skills to further the gospel.

We are a part of InterAct Ministries, whose primary focus is discipleship. For us this means Bible camp, small group studies, and individual mentoring, among other things. The majority of our ministry is with mostly First Nations youth.



Praise:

- Praise God for a healthy and growing family. Our kids are 1, 3, 5, and 7 right now, and doing well.

Prayer Request:

- We have not been able to travel to any other communities in over a year, so please pray that things will open soon, and that we will be able to start rebuilding relationships again. Some youth have interacted digitally, and some, we have not communicated with at all.

Please pray for long-term camp planning, as our current site will not be viable for too many more years. We have an opportunity on another site, but we will have to build from scratch. As such, much wisdom is needed for what that should look like.

Thank you for your continued support of God's work in this part of Canada.



Linda Pretorius

(SIM) Serving in Mission
Namibia, Africa

I am Linda Pretorius and I have been serving in Namibia for the past 20 years as a Community Relief and development worker, with the focus on youth and children. This ministry focuses on the following areas:

- A daily soup kitchen to needy and vulnerable children, which is almost 1300-1500 children per day each week day.
 - Sewing project to bushman woman; a self help project to supplement their income to buy food.
 - Bible study groups at different locations during the week.
- Training of sunday school teachers and school teachers with the material of OCC (Operation Christmas Child).



Africa
Namibia

Prayer Request:

- Please pray for my team of volunteers helping at the daily Soup Kitchen. Pray for the children who receive food each day to also feel the Love of Jesus with each plate of food.
- Pray for local individuals and businesses to take on ownership for the local social crisis's by becoming partners with relief work such as the Soup Kitchen and other efforts.
- Pray for each outreach with the Operation Christmas Child material. The Gospel is shared in group settings and later during Sunday School lessons on a one to one basis. Pray that this seed will fall on good ground.
- Pray for the local church☒ as we reach out across culture and language borders .



Kelly Robinson

TeachBeyond
Prague, Czech Republic

Kelly serves at the Christian International School of Prague as an elementary school teacher; sharing the love of Jesus with our students, their families and the local expatriate community. For the 2021/2022 school year she is teaching 12 students in grade one and two and still head of the elementary department and leading our TeachBeyond Czech team.

Europe

Prague, Czech Republic



Praise:

- One of my students from last year who was very averse to the Bible, and would plug his ears any time we prayed, has been reported to be sharing prayer requests and offered to even pray in class. His heart is softening, and it is so neat to see him grow and his heart slowly change

Prayer Request:

- Prayer for a grade 3 teacher by the end of this month, an art teacher and teachers for next school year.
- Prayer for our new staff as they work on getting VISAs.
- Prayer for our new building project -planning has been put on hold due to Covid and we are in a waiting pattern to see what will happen with our current building and contract.
- Prayer for continued health and safety. Covid cases although nothing like last year, numbers are continuing to climb, and stronger restrictions are on the horizon.



Byron and Danielle Sayer

InterAct

Kamloops, Traditional Secwepemc territory

Byron and Danielle both grew up in rural Alberta and met while counseling at a camp in Northern Saskatchewan. They currently live in Kamloops, BC with their four children - Teagan, Kadence, Hayden, and Daman. The Sayers use their background in recreation and heart for Native youth to minister to them and point them to Christ.

The basis of our ministry:

- Evangelism, Discipleship, and Church Planting.



Canada
Kamloops, BC



Praise:

- For improvement and answered prayers for several of those who struggle with addiction and depression that has been magnified during the pandemic. We have been able to find creative ways to connect and the Holy Spirit continues to work in their lives in unexpected ways.

Prayer Request:

- For the three teens that have started into motherhood over this past little while. The fellowship has some potentially major changes coming up this year, please pray that God will continue to meet our needs and that we, as a leadership team would be receptive and unified in any changes that he would have us make. Pray that God would raise up new leaders within our community. For our kids as they balance life and ministry, especially Teagan as he graduates High School and starts out in new directions!



Rosendo & Anita Serrano

Panama, South America

Rosendo spends two months each year (Jan/Feb) in Panama where he goes to be an encouragement to the church and local church leaders. Most evenings back in Canada, Rosendo reaches out to stay in contact with the leaders in Llano, including the pastor.

Most of Rosendo's ministry centers around discipleship and mentoring of the believers in Panama. There are two other men in the mountainous areas who Rosendo seeks to be an encouragement to. Continue to Pray for people to reach out more with the Gospel. In recent days the city where Rosendo's relatives live has been hit the worst by the virus. Movement has been limited, travel to businesses in nearby provinces has been closed, along with church buildings and communities.

Panama
Panama City



For the last three months they have once again been able to meet regularly in the church building. At present they have adult classes and children's classes every Saturday afternoon. and worship on Sunday in the church.

Every day we have been involved with them individually through prayer and phone calls strengthening and encouraging them. We appreciate how we have been working together in mission for many years. That has been an encouragement for us and for the church there. Llano de Piedras church is well recognized by the community and the government of the country for its participation at various levels.

Prayer Request:

- To encourage them to continue recognizing the Lord daily that He is the one who opens doors and closes doors.**
- To encourage them to depend more on the word of God (daily devotions).**
- That God would continue to give us health and energy to visit them.**
- Pray for the unity in the Spirit of Christ.**
- Pray for continued freedom of the Gospel.**



Sunnybrae Bible Camp

Fellowship Baptist Church
Tappen, British Columbia

Nestled between Bastion Mountain and the shores of the Shuswap lies Sunnybrae Bible Camp. Sunnybrae Bible Camp is a non-profit society owned by fifteen local Fellowship Baptist Churches.

Sunnybrae Bible Camp Exists To:

A) Present Christ as Saviour and Lord to each individual camper and provide them with an opportunity to respond. - Matt. 28:18-20

B). Compliment the ministry and mission of our churches through strong Bible teaching and spiritual inspiration . . . Christ and His Word remain central to our program. - II Timothy 2:15

C). Enable campers and staff to form meaningful relationships with others and to deepen their personal fellowship with God through living in, learning about, appreciating, and being responsible for His creation. - Psalms 8:19

D). Demonstrate the highest standard of Christian conduct in all our camp activities. - Colossians 3:17

E). Provide a wholesome recreation experience, at prices within the budget of average families, that will result in character development in all areas of a camper's life: spiritual, emotional, social and physical. - II Peter 1: 1-11



Prayer Request:

- Gospel impact with families, as we run 6 Family Camps this summer (4 more than we typically do)
- Campers that come to camp this year will get connected to local churches, and bond with other campers.
- A non-interrupted summer, without COVID or other illness, wildfires, or serious injuries For campers who won't be able to make it to camp this year. That God would orchestrate brothers and sisters in local churches to meet their needs.



Jesh & Julie Thiessen

Fellowship International
Mandritsara, Madagascar

Dr. Jeshiah and his wife Julie Thiessen along with their 3 children, Kaden, Seija & Kai are currently serving at the Good News Hospital (Hôpitaly Vaovao Mahafaly) in Mandritsara, Madagascar. Jesh & Julie grew up, met and were married in the Vernon area where Jesh completed premedical training at Okanagan College. After completing a surgical residency, their family went to French language school in Fran then served in Burundi and Togo for two years with the Samaritan's Purse Post Residency Program. They are currently serving as a missionary family at the Good News Hospital in the north part of the island of Madagascar. Jesh works primarily as a general surgeon while Julie maintains life at home including managing their children's education.

Their mission is to provide surgical care at the hospital as well as assisting in the training of African surgeons through the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS) program.

Madagascar is an island with roughly 94 surgeons serving a population of 26 million people. Surgical education is expensive and few training programs exist in subsaharan Africa. The Good News Hospital is a project of the Association of Bible Baptist churches of Madagascar and is located in Mandritsara. Mandritsara is about 500km north of the capital city by road and is often only accessible by airplane for portions of the year. It provides the only surgical service in the region serving roughly 250-300,000 people, many of who are subsistence rice farmers. The surgical department and hospital aspire to provide quality, affordable and compassionate care to the people of the region.



Prayer Request:

-Pray our hospital which provides the only surgical care in this poor region of Madagascar.

-Pray that these surgical trainees would learn english quickly as this is necessary for their education. Additionally, pray for their families (wives and children) who live on the hospital compound with us. Julie is already very involved in their lives.

-Pray for our children's education as we are largely responsible for their curriculum with minimal resources. COVID has definitely made online learning a more accessible but they will be without a teacher for significant portions of 2022 and 2023.

Pray for Jeshs patients who often present with complicated illnesses. Pray that we would reflect Christ in our capacity to heal them but also to share Christ's love.

Praise God for the incredible opportunities to share Christ's love through our presence and work here.



Wayne & Shirley Van der Merwe

Fellowship International to Manado
North Sulawesi, Indonesia

Wayne and Shirley were both born in South Africa into Christian homes, and accepted Christ while they were still in primary school. They had both been called to missions before they met, and their desire to serve God in missions was part of what drew them to each other. For Shirley, medicine seemed a good vocation through which she hoped God would open doors on the mission field, while Wayne felt God's call to missions after many years of traveling cross-culturally.

Wayne will be lecturing at the Indonesian Theological Seminary for the Federation of Baptist Churches in Indonesia. We are both really excited about disciple making and disciple making movements, to equip and encourage Indonesian Christians to take the disciple making process to their nation.

Wayne finished his masters and is practicing as a counselor/ therapist, and Shirley is a medical doctor, so we are excited to see people healthy - in the full sense of the word; in Christ, physically, emotionally, spiritually, and socially. We will be partnering with Edwin and Hemi Karwur, who are also Fellowship International missionaries from Manado. We will be going with them to different islands all over Indonesia to do evangelism and support fledgling churches.



Praise:

- We are grateful that Wayne has finished his degree and that Shirley has managed to scale back her medical practice. This allows us to focus our time on the vital process of raising support before being deployed to Indonesia.

Prayer Request:

- Please pray that God would enable us to use our time wisely to do the necessary work to reach out to potential supporters. Pray that God would touch the hearts of those He has in mind to partner with us.



Alex & Eri Verwey

Japan Mission
Ikoma, Nara, Japan

Alex grew up as a missionary kid in Japan, and married Eri from Kyoto, Japan in 2008. After a number of years living in the USA and working in business, Alex and Eri joined Japan Mission in 2013. Alex recently wrote, "For years, Eri and I have been seeking the Lord's direction for our lives. We knew that He wanted us to serve Him and share His love with others, but didn't want to assume it was with Japan Mission. We believe God has His timing and place for every organization, and we would only want to serve with Japan Mission if we have been called by Him." "As we sought the Lord in 2013 He has clearly shown us that we can make the most impact on others lives for Christ by serving Him at Japan Mission.

The Lord has begun a work through my Grandfather (Neil Verwey) but we feel there is more to come. We give ourselves fully to God as we look forward in anticipation to the great things He has in store for Japan.”

Alex and Eri have three children, William (2012), Joseph (2014) and Naoko (2017) and are both actively involved in outreach to families. Alex is also busy with administration as the Lord continues to do great things with English evangelism, Media, Literature, Short-term outreach and the many other areas of church support.



Praise:

- The Lord has laid the foundation to connect an entire community of un-reached Japanese to the local church near our headquarters in Ikoma City through new childcare and cafe ministries. We are still in the beginning phases, but the Lord has literally already drawn 40-50 people (Childcare & English with Bible teaching) and over 150 (Cafe) to our headquarters for weekly programs.

Prayer Request:

- Pray with us that hearts would be softened towards the Gospel, as we press on to continue to support the local church in the programs yielding fruit. Pray we can grow these programs and stay nimble enough to change in whatever ways that would help reach more people.



Nadeem & Jamila Qazi

Fellowship International
Surrey, British Columbia

For more than one and a half years Nadeem & Jamila have been serving marginalized christian ladies and 50 young girls in Pakistan; teaching them ESL and VBS. "We are now excited to be back home in Canada, and delighted to meet with our home Church - Parkland Fellowship Baptist Church in Surrey BC. We have been blessed to be part of our congregation, and have been warmly welcomed.

We still have a few Pakistani Muslim contacts in Surrey BC, who've welcomed us and invited us into their homes. We have a future plan to work with our Parkland Fellowship Baptist Church, helping DMM (Disciple Making Movement) and Outreach in the community in Surrey. This Christmas - God willing, we would celebrate Christmas with the community by bringing unreached people from the streets to the church."

Partners

When Emmanuel Baptist Church partners with an organization, we provide funds to assist our partners in support of their staff and initiatives.



Partners International

There are more than 6600 people groups, representing over 3 billion people with little or no access to the good news of Jesus.

86% of all Hindus, Buddhists and Muslims don't personally know a Christian.

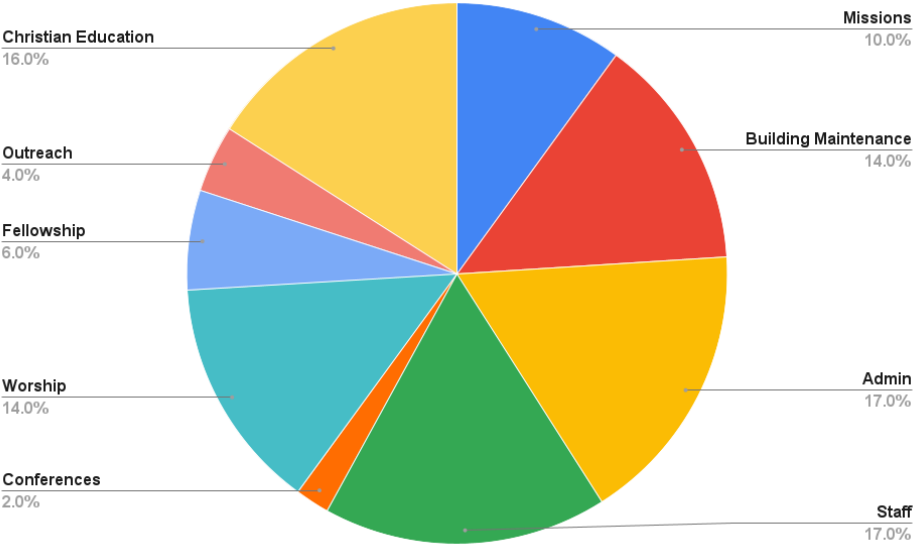
There are places in our world that are desperately in need of the transformational power of the gospel, but where few choose to go and where most can't go.

Our International Partners are based in these places.

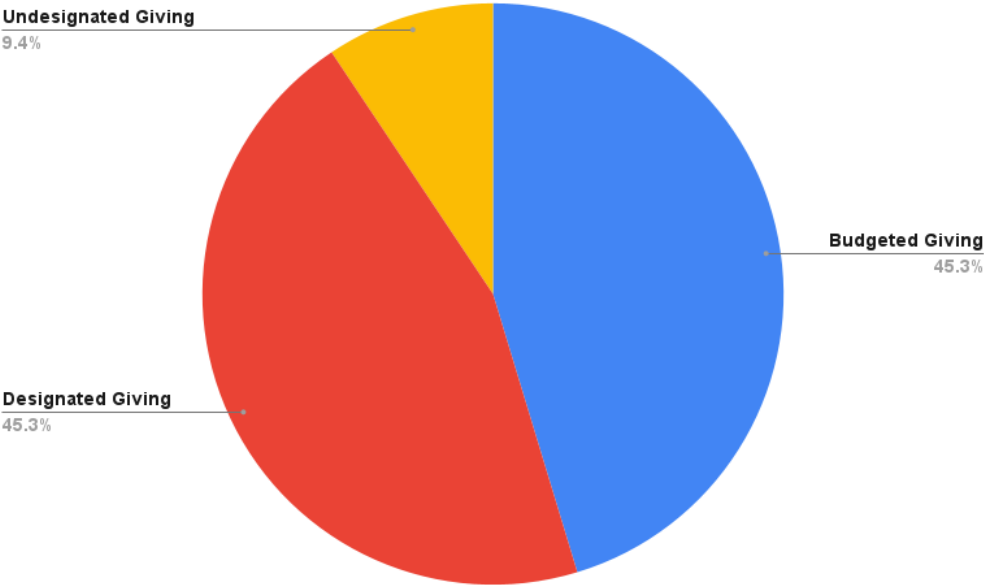
Because of your support:

We are able to support 15 missionaries and partners across the world. Teachers, church planters, pastors, evangelists, and servants committed to sharing the good news of the Gospel.

General Fund



Missions Funding



Supporting Gospel Missions

At Emmanuel Baptist Church, we are excited about what God is doing around the world and here at home. We are thankful for all of our missionaries who have committed their time to serving our Lord in this fashion. Not only are we called to pray for our missionaries, but we have the opportunity to support them financially. In fact, for every dollar given to the church, 10 percent of it goes out in support of missions. So when you give to Emmanuel, you are giving to missions!

Emmanuel provides additional funding options to our missions program through designated and non-designated giving. Designated giving allows you to provide additional funding for a specific missionary or initiative. This amount will go to that specific work, over and above the budgeted amount.

Non-designated giving provides funding to the missions committee to respond to non-budgeted needs and initiatives that arise throughout the year both locally and internationally.

In 2021, our missions budget was \$86,100. When you add the designated and undesignated giving, our total budget for Missions was over \$131,855.

Our dream as a committee is to see our support of missions increase as we continue to go forward. Beyond that, we are praying that our church will have the delight of sending more career missionaries, and short term missionaries from our own congregation.



Thank you for your continued
support bringing the
Gospel to all nations!

"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 all that
I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always,
to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

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