

*Mount Vernon*  
BAPTIST CHURCH



# SENDING 2024

**MISSIONS BOOKLET**

[mvpchurch.org](http://mvpchurch.org)

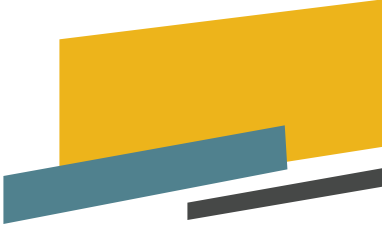
# WHY SEND?

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He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep in order to gain what he cannot lose.

**JIM ELLIOT**





*“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**

Jesus gave these commands before he ascended to heaven. It remains our mission until he returns.

## **WE SEND BECAUSE...**

1. God will make his glory known among all the peoples of the earth.
2. All peoples of the earth are under God’s righteous judgment. To be saved, God must reconcile them to himself through his powerful, life-giving Word, the gospel.
3. The Good News of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the only hope for all the peoples of the earth.
4. God’s promises are for the nations (Genesis 12:3; Acts 1:8). Jesus’s death on the cross redeemed people from every tribe, language, people, and nation (Revelation 5:9).
5. Jesus has dominion over all people for all time and it is therefore right for everyone to worship him (Daniel 7:14).
6. Churches have been given the task of the Great Commission (Acts 13:3; Philippians 2:25).
7. The aim of the Great Commission is to plant and strengthen churches (Acts 14:21-23).



# HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

## **BE INFORMED!**

Good stewardship is supporting work among the unreached and unengaged. Multitudes of people around the globe have little to no access to the gospel or churches. Much of our missions budget supports work among these people.

## **BE ENGAGED!**

Go on a mission trip. Serve a local ministry. Adopt a partner as part of the Missionary Care Team. Inform the Elder Mission Team of good works and ministry to consider for partnership. Talk to the Assistant Pastor/Missions or Deacons of Missions.

## **BE PRAYERFUL!**

Use this booklet as a prayer guide for supported workers. Pray for a different partner each day.





# HOW DO WE DECIDE WHOM TO SUPPORT?

The Elders prayerfully answer the following questions when considering a potential partner:

1. How unreached or unengaged is the area?
2. What is the target area's current access to the gospel?
3. Does Mount Vernon or a member have a unique relationship with the potential partner? Is the partner being sent from Mount Vernon?
4. Is the potential partner theologically and ecclesologically aligned?
5. Does the potential partner make the local church central to their work?
6. Is the potential partner a church planter or lead pastor?
7. Does the work empower indigenous Christians to take the gospel to their neighbors?
8. Does Mount Vernon offer any unique resources that would be critical to the partnership?
9. What level of engagement does this opportunity allow?

# INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS



## ACCESS PARTNERS

[access1040.com](https://access1040.com)



Access Partners works to promote healthy churches among unreached people by working with local churches to create business-as-mission opportunities for the gospel. This ministry is focused on closed-access countries and connecting Christians with specific skills with church planters overseas.

*Pray for churches to be lights for the gospel and for the provision of meeting spaces. Pray God would raise up more elders and church planters among the unreached and provide clients to businesses being newly established. Pray God would prosper established businesses and give them wisdom in stewarding their relationships.*

## NORTH AFRICA CHURCH PASTOR

MVBC partners with a refugee pastor from North Africa now living in Atlanta. His church and leadership have national influence that spreads the gospel and plants churches throughout North Africa. For the last few years, the government increased its persecution by shutting down churches and arresting pastors, forcing Christians to meet in hiding. Small groups meet in houses, deserted fields, on beaches, and elsewhere.

*Pray God will provide for the refugee pastor and his family and protect, provide for, and strengthen members of his church. Pray that Christians flourish in the face of persecution and that God would grant them favor to resume meeting in public at their building.*

## EAST-WEST MINISTRIES

[eastwest.org](http://eastwest.org)

# EAST WEST



East-West Ministries exists, under the leadership of Kurt Nelson (son of MVBC member Alice Nelson), to glorify God by evangelizing and planting churches in spiritually dark areas of the world. East-West is a missions-sending agency targeting unreached peoples and restricted access communities.

*Pray the Lord would use East-West to provide new opportunities for ministry and penetrate spiritually dark areas with the gospel. Pray for more leaders to serve with East-West in strategic, global locations.*

## CENTRAL EVANGELICAL MENNONITE CHURCH (CMC)

CMC in San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic, takes the gospel to the unreached region of La Florida. MVBC partners in that work both financially and with short-term mission trips. It also partners to host an annual pastors conference in San Juan.

*Pray CMC would be faithful stewards and witnesses of the gospel in San Juan de la Maguana. Pray their efforts to build up healthy churches in their nation would prosper. Pray for the members who regularly evangelize in El Coroso, that the few believers would grow spiritually, and that a church would be planted. Pray the elders of CMC shepherd, disciple, and counsel members wisely and train young men for pastoral ministry.*





## FOCUS

[focus.org](https://focus.org)



FOCUS is active on 18 university campuses in Central Asia, sharing the gospel with students from diverse faith and cultural backgrounds. They work on campuses where no Christian organizations are allowed and where Christian students are a small minority.

*Pray that the leadership of FOCUS is consistently based on Scripture. Pray for the team to be faithful and committed to the gospel in their preaching and practice. Pray for the team as they take great risks to share the gospel on campuses.*

## EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF DUBAI (ECCD)

[eccdubai.org](https://eccdubai.org)

Pastored by John Folmar, ECCD has been a faithful gospel presence in Dubai for many years. They have helped plant several churches in the UAE. MVBC partners with ECCD to support John & Keri Folmar and the church's internship that trains men from all parts of the Middle East for pastoral ministry.

*Pray that the Word would be honored as it is preached every Sunday. Pray that ECCD's light would shine and that members would have access to local (Emirati) people and evangelistic zeal in those relationships. Pray for pastoral interns this year (two men from Jordan and two from India). Pray for Keri Folmar's ministry among the women of the church and as she travels regularly to the States.*



## CENTRAL ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PARTNERSHIPS

MVBC partners with families and individuals serving with the International Missions Board in Central Asia and the Middle East.

- Corey and Kristy focus on reaching North Caucasus immigrants in Central Asia.

*Pray they will be faithful and encouraged in their ministry, they would invest well in a small group of indigenous church planters from the North Caucasus, they would carry out their supervisory responsibilities within the organization with wisdom, and that they would train missionaries to go to places inaccessible to Americans.*

- Michael and Ally labor in evangelism and pastoral training.

*Pray they will grow in love for Christ and one another and be faithful parents to their daughter Constance. Pray for the International Evangelical Church of Dohuk (IECD) to grow in unity, love, and fruitfulness in evangelism. Pray for IECD's effort to see a Kurdish and Arabic-speaking church planted. Pray the small groups that meet weekly in Kurdish and Arabic Bible study and evangelistic discussion would be fruitful. Pray for elder-qualified men to be raised up for IECD and for future indigenous church plants. Pray for IECD to gain registration from the governments, which could provide more opportunities for staff recruitment and influence among other evangelical churches in their area.*

- Melissa is a former MVBC member and serves in the Middle East taking the gospel to women among an unreached people group.

*Pray for God to guide Melissa and her team as they expand their work to another city with a large community of unreached people. Pray their research of the area, potential platforms, and recruiting of personnel would be fruitful. Pray that God will bind the believers together in unity and that they mature in Christ. Pray that many seeds will sprout as they sow the Word through evangelism. Pray for the team's joyful perseverance. (Six teammates are in their first term and in full-time language learning.) Pray God will equip them with language ability and cultural insight so that they can evangelize effectively.*

## EAST ASIAN PASTORAL TRAINING

MVBC invests in the ministry of Timothy, a brother from East Asia, having provided financial support to study at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (SBTS). Timothy completed a pastoral internship in East Asia and an M.Div. at SBTS. He recently returned to East Asia with the goal of both pastoring and training pastors. He currently serves as a Pastoral Assistant and is completing a Th.M.

*Pray that the Lord would continue to raise up and train more brothers and sisters, and cultivate a strong culture of evangelism at his church. Pray that the Lord would protect their gatherings and allow them to meet without government interference. Pray for wisdom as a Pastoral Assistant. Pray for him to have strong research skills as he pursues a Th.M and possibly a Ph.D.*

## EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH (NAIROBI, KENYA)



Ken Mbugua is the lead pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church. The Lord has used this church to train many men from Kenya for pastoral ministry. Men serve as pastoral assistants for three years to observe a healthy church, help with administrative needs, and take seminary classes. Afterward, they are sent to plant or revitalize churches in Kenya and neighboring countries.

*Pray the Lord would connect EBC with the right men to add them to their pastoral residency and that EBC would have enough resources for the program. Pray for EBC's church plants as they proclaim the gospel in different parts of Nairobi and Kenya. Pray for EBC's gospel witness in their neighborhood and Nairobi at large.*



## ÇANKAYA BAPTIST CHURCH

[cankayabc.org](http://cankayabc.org)

Andy and Rebecca moved three years ago to Central Asia where Andy serves as the lead pastor for an international church plant, Çankaya Baptist Church.

*Pray for Çankaya Baptist Church to grow in unity and fruitfulness. Pray for their plans to reach English-speaking expats and local English-speaking Turks through getting to know neighbors and English language clubs. Pray for Andy and Rebecca's family to persevere in Turkish and for their children to thrive. Pray for their internship program and that other churches would be planted around Turkey in the next year or two.*

## FEG MUNICH-MITTE

[feg-mm.de](http://feg-mm.de)



Matthias Lohman is the lead pastor of FEG Munich-Mitte, a church revitalization in a culture that is less than 1% evangelical. MVBC partners with FEG Munich for their pastoral internship that trains men to plant healthy, evangelical churches in Germany.

*Pray for Jonathan de Oliveira (current youth pastor) and the 30 members going with him to plant in the southern area of Munich in early 2024. Pray God will provide the space for FEG Munich to gather as one assembly and that they will be intentional to know one another. Pray for the church as they navigate denominational relationships now that the denomination has an open position on homosexuality. Pray for Matthias' love for and contentment in the Lord and for strength to steward responsibilities as husband, father, and pastor, and his investment in regional and national ministries.*



## IMMANUEL CHURCH OF FUJAIRAH IN UAE

[immanuelfujairah.com](http://immanuelfujairah.com)



Fujairah is in the United Arab Emirates, and Immanuel was started in 2013 as an international, English-speaking, evangelical church. MVBC sent Jesse Brannen, former Assistant Pastor/Missions, to be the lead pastor of this church in 2021.

*Pray Jesse and Delaine would build relationships in the community and for their hospitality. Pray Immanuel will be a faithful gospel presence, for conversions, that God will raise up elders, for favor with the government to provide a building, and that more believers would move to Fujairah to join the church and assist in ministry. Pray for Delaine as she homeschools the kids and for the kids to build friendships.*

## RAS AL KHAIMAH EVANGELICAL CHURCH IN UAE (RAK CHURCH)

[rakchurch.com](http://rakchurch.com)



RAK Church in the United Arab Emirates is pastored by Josh Manley and was planted in 2013.

The church has a pastoral internship

program training young pastors from all different parts of the world.

*Pray the Lord would grow the Manley family in love for God and one another. Pray the Lord would guard and grow the witness of RAK Evangelical, especially that they would see conversions. Pray the Lord would open doors for the gospel in Ras al Khaimah and in the region, especially where former interns are laboring. Pray the Lord would use their intern program for his kingdom.*





## REACHING & TEACHING INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

[reachingandteaching.org](http://reachingandteaching.org)



Reaching & Teaching aims to make mature disciples, establish healthy churches, and train local leaders. Their mission is to advance the gospel worldwide through sending missionaries, short-term mission trips, internships, and strategic church partnerships. MVBC financially partners with RTIM to support their general budget and two staff members.



- Chad Ireland, an elder at MVBC, serves as the Director of Operations.

*Pray Chad would have wisdom to best serve those under his care, in caring for aging parents, and in traveling more next year. Pray for RTIM's president, Ryan Robertson, and that God would raise up long-term workers for theological training.*



- Denny Crosby serves as the Access & Deployment Manager.

*Pray Denny would have wisdom in his role and that the missionaries across the organization will be served well as he helps them establish enduring solutions for access and residency in the places they serve. Pray Denny would shepherd his family well, lead them toward godliness, and trust in the Lord's providence in all things.*

## TAIWAN



Chris and Lisa Phillips serve as missionaries in Taiwan. They seek to establish a biblically faithful church, cultivate relationships among pastors and churches, teach and model biblical ecclesiology for Radius Asia, and produce translated resources for pastors and churches.

*Pray Chris and Lisa transition well to Taiwan and for wisdom to help their kids with the transition. Pray for clarity on which church they should invest in and for Chris to pastor (English/Mandarin, revitalize/plant, etc.). Pray for fruit in evangelism and in their relationship with Taiwanese pastors. Pray they trust God to provide their every need. Pray God would save their kids.*

## TIBETAN BIBLE TRANSLATION

The Tibetan Bible Translation project consists of individuals translating the Bible into the language of a major Tibetan people group. This project provides digital access to Scripture. MVBC has supported this work since 2004.

*Pray that the avenues for Scripture and literature distribution remain open as persecution increases so people can hear the gospel and be saved. Pray the Holy Spirit works in the hearts of those who are able to read, listen to, or watch the titles produced.*



# LOCAL & OTHER PARTNERSHIPS





## ATLANTA URBAN MINISTRY



After retirement from pastoral ministry, Bob and Cathi Selph relocated to southwest Atlanta and have committed their lives to full-time evangelism. They lead evangelistic Bible studies and help spiritually and physically care for their neighbors.

*Pray they would pursue holiness. Pray for their gospel endeavors: Bible studies and relationships with ladies and kids at City of Refuge, street evangelism, weekly writing of gospel tracts, weekly community Bible study dinners, efforts to build relationships in their neighborhood and adjacent neighborhoods with the goal of starting Bible studies. Pray for their relationship and involvement in East Point Church, especially as they bring people from their neighborhood to weekly worship gatherings. Pray for a core of faithful disciples to be gathered in the area they live so they can start a church.*

## THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

[gideons.org](https://gideons.org)



**The Gideons  
International**

Founded in 1899, The Gideons International serves as a missionary arm of local churches in 200 countries to see the Word of God spread through Scripture distribution to hotels, hospitals, schools, prisons, the military, and more. A Gideon Card display is available at Connections Corner for Bibles to be distributed in memory or honor of someone, or for other occasions. Members Anthony Blalock, Joe Drexler, Dennis Mosby, Roy Payne, and John Turner are involved.

*Pray God will use his Word to lead many to repentance and faith and the Gideons would be bold in sharing the gospel as they distribute copies of Scripture.*



## SANDY SPRINGS MISSION

[sandyspringsmission.org](http://sandyspringsmission.org)

Led by Executive Director Felix Lora, the SSM seeks to reach Hispanic children and families for Jesus Christ. The mission offers an after-school program and summer camp. Volunteers provide academic tutoring. SSM staff and programs are hosted weekly on MVBC's campus.

*Pray for God to raise up more volunteers for the school year and provide Christian board members. Pray they would have wisdom to share the gospel with students. Pray God would save children and their parents and lead them to join healthy churches.*

## CAPITOL COMMISSION

[capitolcom.org](http://capitolcom.org)

Directed by Ron Bigalke, Capitol Commission is a ministry focused on the evangelism and discipleship of elected representatives at the GA State Capitol. Ron leads Bible studies and shares the gospel with GA leaders and staff. He also serves as the chaplain for the State Senate.

*Pray for effectiveness, strength, opportunities, protection, and wisdom in ministry. Pray a core group would be gathered as he seeks to plant a church in Flowery Branch. Pray God would bless the ministry of his Word, wisdom to navigate family relationships, and sufficient financial support.*



## WEARS VALLEY RANCH

[wvr.org](http://wvr.org)

Former MVBC pastor Jim Wood founded Wears Valley Ranch in Wears Valley, TN in 1991. He and his team provide a Christian home, education, church, and biblical counseling to children in crisis situations.

*Pray the children at the ranch would embrace the gospel by faith and grow deeply in grace and godliness despite the difficulty of their situations and past.*

## PREGNANCY AND WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTERS

[supportatlantacare.com](http://supportatlantacare.com) | [cpsfriends.org](http://cpsfriends.org)  
| [humancoalition.org](http://humancoalition.org)

MVBC supports three ministries that exist to counsel women and men with unexpected pregnancies about the alternatives to an abortion—Atlanta Care, Cobb Pregnancy Services (First Care Women's Clinic), and Human Coalition. MVBC members volunteer to serve these ministries.

*Pray that many mothers choose life for their children and come to a saving knowledge of Christ. Pray for respect for the sanctity of life in our city. Pray members of MVBC would serve these organizations well.*

## GOOD SAMARITAN HEALTH CENTER

[goodsamatlanta.org](http://goodsamatlanta.org)



The Good Samaritan Health Center of Atlanta is a Christ-centered ministry founded by MVBC member, Bill Warren. It offers a comprehensive range of quality healthcare services to people who have the least access to healthcare and are at the highest risk of having serious health issues if they remain undiagnosed and untreated.

*Pray God would provide Christ-centered staff. Pray the staff would be faithful witnesses to God's love and mercy in their community and would depend on God's provision for their needs. Pray God would direct Good Sam as they have started a new, five-year strategic plan. Pray for God to be glorified in adding a new building on their main campus, a third clinic, and in offering more programs to reach more people.*



# SERVING OTHER CHURCHES





## 9 MARKS

[9marks.org](https://9marks.org)



9Marks exists to equip church leaders with a biblical vision and practical resources for displaying God's glory through healthy churches. Many resources published by 9Marks are translated into other languages giving the ministry a global reach.

*Pray God would use this ministry to establish and encourage healthy churches and that he would give Christians a passion for the local church.*

## FEED MY SHEEP CONFERENCE

[mvbchurch.org/feed-my-sheep](https://mvbchurch.org/feed-my-sheep)



Feed My Sheep is an annual, one-day conference for church leaders hosted by MVBC. It seeks to encourage pastors and church leaders in faithful gospel ministry through teaching and fellowship.

*Pray for the MVBC staff and volunteers as they prepare for the conference, and that God would use the conference to encourage local churches in our region.*

## 9MARKS WEEKENDER

[9marks.org/events/what-is-a-weekender](https://9marks.org/events/what-is-a-weekender)

9Marks and MVBC host 50+ pastors, seminarians, and church leaders for a weekend in the Spring for a full, in-person introduction to the life, theology, practice, and workings of MVBC.

*Pray the Weekender would be fruitful for pastors, students, and church leaders who are seeking to grow in their doctrine and practice of the church.*



## FEED MY SHEEP FOR PASTORS' WIVES CONFERENCE

[mvbchurch.org/FMSPW](http://mvbchurch.org/FMSPW)

FMS Pastors Wives is a two-day conference to help women connect with one another and equip and encourage them to support their husbands, care for their families, and serve their churches. FMS-PW is an extension of Feed My Sheep and MVBC's efforts to serve other churches.

*Pray the Lord would use FMS Pastors Wives to encourage women in ministry through fellowship and teaching.*

## SEMINARY SUPPORT

MVBC supports members pursuing formal, pastoral and theological education. In addition to prayer, training, and personal encouragement, we invest in their future ministry by financially supporting their seminary tuition.

*Pray God would sustain these individuals in their studies and use their time in seminary to mature and prepare them for ministry.*

## MVBC INTERNSHIP

Mount Vernon offers a 5-month, full-time pastoral internship. The goal is to assist men pursuing pastoral ministry by equipping them to be faithful leaders, missionaries, and church members. We aim to help them develop a vision for the local church and pastoral ministry.

*Pray for wisdom in selecting future interns, God's provision for members Denny Crosby, Austin Puckett, Jack Schutt, and Trent Roberts who are participating in the program, and that God would bless the investment MVBC makes in them.*

## PAST INTERNS:

Patrick Hearn

**Jeffrey Timmons (2014-2015)** – Assistant Pastor/Missions at MVBC and a PhD student in Old Testament at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

**Jesse Brannen (2019)** – Senior Pastor of Immanuel Church of Fujairah in the United Arab Emirates

**Ronnie Herrera (2019)** – Senior Pastor of Central Mennonite Church in San Juan, Dominican Republic

**Bill Barnes (2019)** – Senior Pastor of Byron Baptist Church in Byron, GA

**Darius Tucker (2020)** – member and former Pastoral Assistant at MVBC

**Daniel Sanderson (2020)** – Operations & Facility Director and a lay elder at MVBC

**Zack DiPrima (2022)** – Assistant Pastor at MVBC, Ph.D student in Church History at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and future pastor of Trinity Church Kennesaw

**Soonhyong Kwon (2022)** – Deacon of International Missions at MVBC

**Tyler Ziemer (2022)** – member at Hunsinger Lane Baptist Church in Louisville, KY and a MDiv student at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

**Denny Crosby (2023)**

**Austin Puckett (2023)**

**Trenton Roberts (2023)**

**Jack Schutt (2023)**

# COOPERATION





## ACME FELLOWSHIP

[acmefellowship.org](http://acmefellowship.org)



The ACME Fellowship is a cooperation of likeminded, baptistic churches. It exists to mobilize ecclesiologically likeminded churches to work together for the furtherance of the gospel and the interest of Christ in the world. As a fellowship of churches, it seeks to know, encourage, and strengthen one another to confidently unite to multiply Great Commission efforts.

*Pray the Lord would use this fellowship to support qualified missionaries, church revitalizers, church planters, and other ministries to advance the gospel. Pray that the churches in this fellowship would be encouraged through their cooperation together.*

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION CAUSES

[gabaptist.org](http://gabaptist.org) | [sbc.net](http://sbc.net) | [imb.org](http://imb.org) | [namb.net](http://namb.net) | [erlc.com](http://erlc.com)

Churches in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), the denomination with which Mount Vernon cooperates, work together and share resources with “a vision to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every person in the world and to make disciples of all nations.” Mount Vernon gives locally to the Georgia Baptist Mission Board and nationally to the SBC’s entities.

*Pray God would be glorified as thousands of churches cooperate for the sake of the Great Commission.*



# GREATER ATLANTA BAPTIST NETWORK

[atlantabaptist.org](http://atlantabaptist.org)



The Greater Atlanta Baptist Network (GABN) is a theologically-driven network of local churches committed to the protection and proclamation of the gospel. It exists to encourage pastoral fellowship and faithful ministry and to fund church plants and revitalizations in metro Atlanta.

*Pray for Clint Watson, pastor of First Baptist Chattahoochee, as he leads GABN this year and that the pastors in the network will encourage one another in Christ. Pray for Aaron Menikoff as he leads the monthly pastors fellowships.*



## PILLAR NETWORK

[thepillarnetwork.com](http://thepillarnetwork.com)



The Pillar Network connects SBC and international Baptist churches that are evangelistic, doctrinally aligned, and committed to equipping, planting, and revitalizing churches.

*Pray connections between local churches would be strengthened and healthy churches would be planted and flourish. Pray the Pillar Network would encourage pastoral fellowship at the local level throughout the nation.*



# HOW TO ENGAGE

Members of MVBC are encouraged to use their gifts, resources, and relationships for **the spread of the gospel**.

Every Christian should think of his or her neighborhood, workplace, and city as being in need of Christ. During our Sunday evening services, we pray for specific opportunities to share the gospel.

Over the course of the year, we have information and training sessions on opportunities to engage international and local missions (keep an eye out for announcements so you don't miss out)!

Mount Vernon's missions ministry is organized through our Elder Missions Team and facilitated by our Deacons of Local and International Missions. The Elders and ultimately the congregation provide the final authority over the missions vision and engagement in the Great Commission.

In addition to the partnerships listed in this booklet, members are at work in other ministries. If you would like to know more about ways to partner with these ministries, please contact an elder.

# MISSIONS ENGAGEMENT



Mount Vernon engages in four types of short-term trips overseas.



### **EXPLORATORY**

Digging deep to discern what a long-term partnership might look like



### **ENCOURAGEMENT**

Using our presence and resources to bless workers on the field



### **EQUIPPING**

Providing training and resources to support strategic work



### **EVANGELISTIC**

Engaging in cross-cultural, personal evangelism

## **WHY GO ON A SHORT-TERM TRIP?**

1. Get to know Christians in other countries
2. Be encouraged by Christians overseas
3. Encourage the work of believers and churches
4. Appreciate the global nature of God's work
5. See spiritual darkness
6. Experience humility
7. Be part of a long-term work
8. Make global missions part of your daily life
9. Test your aspiration and qualification
10. Train yourself for long-term missionary work

## SHORT-TERM TRIPS IN 2024



### United Arab Emirates

**January or February 2024\***

The team will encourage missions partners in the UAE.



### Central Asia

**March 2024\***

The team will meet and build relationships with students, share the gospel, initiate Bible studies, and connect them to our local church partner.



### Dominican Republic

**July 20 – 27, 2024**

The team will partner with members of Central Mennonite Church to share the gospel in the unreached villages of La Florida in their efforts to see a church established.

\*Dates are approximate and subject to change.



## Steps for participating in a short-term trip:



### 1. PRAY

Pray for wisdom and discernment about whether God would have you go.



### 2. SEEK COUNSEL

Seek counsel from brothers and sisters, teachers, and elders.



### 3. UNDERSTAND

Understand that a short-term missions team is a representative of Jesus Christ. All team members should be faithfully and regularly involved in the life of the church.



### 4. APPLY

Contact an elder for information and an application. All applications must be approved by the Elder Mission Team.



### 5. TRAIN

Be on the lookout for evangelism and cultural training studies offered at MVBC.



### 6. PREPARE

Make it a habit to share the gospel and invite non-Christian friends to a Bible study.



### 7. GO

Go boldly and prayerfully into the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.



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