

GABC MISSIONS IMPACT

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO THE NATIONS

→ **40+** CHURCHES SERVED
THROUGH TEAMS AND GIFTS

→ **37** MISSION TRIPS

→ **OVER 300** PASTORS TRAINED IN
EL SALVADOR AND INDIA

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MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH
SERVED FOOD, HAD A GOSPEL
CONVERSATION, AND PRAYED
WITH OVER 800 OF OUR
EAST TEXAS FAMILIES.





CHURCH PLANTER AND MISSIONARY PRAYER GUIDE

Even more than financial support, our mission partners crave our prayers and encouragement. Below is a list of church planters and missionaries we would love your group to partner with and intentionally pray for. Because the needs of a church planter and missionary are unique, we've included some suggestions of how to pray for these partners. Please contact Missions Associate Stacie Tandy at staciet@gabc.org with any questions or for more information on our GABC Mission partnerships.

How to pray for church planters:

Finances – Church plants often struggle with finances due to small size, high expenses, and lack of regular tithing. Pray that God will provide financial stability so that the pastor and workers can focus on ministry.

Meeting Space – Most church plants do not own a meeting facility and lease space where it is available. Pray that God will provide a consistent place to meet each Sunday that will work with the finances of the church.

Pastor and Family – Pastors of church plants often move away from their immediate family and friends to start the church plant. Pray for encouragement and support for the pastor and their families as they deal with the isolation from family and friends.

How to pray for missionaries:

Safety – Many missionaries are working in areas hostile to the gospel and put their own safety and security at risk each time they share their faith. Pray that the Holy Spirit would go before them and provide protection and peace of mind.

Patience and Perseverance – In many cultures where our missionaries live, ministry fruit is very slow-growing. Relationships may take years to develop because of mistrust and cultural barriers. Pray that the missionary would be affirmed in his/her call and encouraged to stay the course.

Community – Isolation is one of the biggest challenges for a missionary in the field. The feeling of loneliness or being forgotten can weigh heavy and distract from the mission. Pray that the Lord would build a sense of community where they are and that friends, families and partners will be intentional in reaching out to them.

Other ways to pray:

Pray for a close walk with Jesus. Pray for a strong grounding in Christ. Pray for wisdom. Pray for favor in the community. Pray for a deep love for the Lord, the Word and the lost. Pray for physical, emotional and spiritual strength. Pray for holiness and integrity. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel. Pray for church/team unity.

Pastor Dane Helsing
Beacon Community Church
Belmont, Massachusetts (near Boston)
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Dane and his wife Laura have three precious young kids—a daughter and two sons. Beacon Community recently purchased a building to use for Kids Ministry, Bible studies and community outreach. They actively seek to engage the community around them with events and teams. GABC regularly serves with Beacon by sending a team to serve with their summer basketball camp to reach kids in their area.

Pastor Andy Duke
Niddrie Community Church
Edinburgh, United Kingdom (Scotland)
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Pastor Andy Duke and his wife Debbie relocated their family from England to Scotland to lead a church in the impoverished community of Niddrie outside the city center of Edinburgh. Niddrie Community Church is a church plant of 20 Schemes, a church-planting ministry seeking to shine the light of the gospel in the darkest areas of Scotland.

Pastor Josh Elliff
River Church
Loveland, CO
jelliff@riverchurch.org

Josh and his wife have 3 young kids and relocated their family to Loveland to plant a church in a fast-growing neighborhood community where they officially launched three years ago. River Church recently purchased a building, and teams from GABC have helped with lots of projects to help make it church-ready!

Pastor Josh Green
Calvary Severance Church
Severance, Colorado
joshgreen@thecalvary.org

Josh and his wife Amy moved from Tyler to Colorado almost ten years ago to start a gospel-centered church. Calvary Severance has been meeting in a local middle school for years and recently purchased an amazing building that will prayerfully help them become an impactful outreach center for the community. They are working to fund the needed improvements to make the building ready for worship.

Pastor Jaime Rodriguez
Calvary 85
Eaton, Colorado
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In the spring of 2024, Jaime and his wife Gracie moved to Eaton to begin tilling the soil in the Eaton and Ault areas of Colorado and are working to build relationships in hopes of planting Calvary 85. Calvary 85 is named after State Highway 85, which is the main highway running north/south, east of I-25. While Highway 85 has been dubbed the “highway of death,” they hope that through Calvary 85, this area will become known as the Highway of Life!

Pastor Michael Talley
Church 8025
Thornton, Colorado
michael@church8025.com

Michael and his wife Dale have 4 busy kids and a thriving church plant in the Boulder suburb of Thornton. Church 8025 got its name from the house number it began in with just 15 adults in 2020. The church was blessed with a small building that meets their current needs and is currently working on an expansion project to make room for their growing congregation.

Pastor Kirk Shull
Art City Church
Springville, Utah
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Kirk, his wife Kathy, and their 5 amazing kids are working hard to sow seeds of the gospel in the difficult soil of Utah, where the roots of Mormonism are deeply entrenched. The small church currently meets in the basement of a massage parlor and is taking every opportunity to share the true love of Jesus with their community.

Pastor Nathan Walters
Connections Church
Kapolei, Hawaii
pastornathan@808.church

After planting Connections Church in 2022, David Whitehead and his wife Nancy recently retired in February of 2026. The Lord answered the prayer for new pastoral leadership in Nathan Walters and his wife Sarah-and their TWELVE kids!! Pray for Pastor Nathan as he balances this new pastoral role with his full-time military intelligence position.

Pastor Johan Strydom
Osaka International Baptist Church
Osaka, Japan
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In 2023 Johan and his wife Haruko planted a church in Takatsuki City in Osaka, Japan, where the name of Jesus is largely unknown. Theirs is a true partnership—Haruko, a native of Japan, translates the services for her husband Johan. Their Salt & Light English School and English Café create open doors for gospel conversations.

Pastor Danny Morris
The Rock Church
Spokane Valley, Washington
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In 2019, Pastor Danny Morris, along with his wife Lindsey and daughter Melaina, answered God's call to move from Arkansas to Spokane, Washington, to help plant The Rock Church. Danny took over as Lead Pastor in 2023. His wife Lindsey is a full-time teacher and serves as the Women's and Children's Director.

Eric Perkins
Church Mission Network
East Africa
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Eric and his wife Lacy work together to help plant churches and train pastors in Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, and other Africa nations, and recently expanded their ministry to El Salvador. A member of GABC, Eric regularly leads teams to Africa and El Salvador to engage in village evangelism and lay the groundwork for new churches in unreached villages.

Bubba and Christy Squiers
Church Missions Network
Zambia, Africa
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Natives of Tyler, Bubba and Christy Squiers felt called to full-time missions, wrapped up careers in nursing and construction, and sold their house to move to Zambia with their daughter Rylie. In Zambia they are working alongside local pastors to plant and strengthen churches. Pray for them as they adjust to a new home and culture!

Mark and Effie Tripura
Restoration International
Bangladesh
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Mark grew up in the jungles of Bangladesh and has spent over 20 years ministering to villages there and leading teams to translate the Bible. Mark and his wife Effie recently moved back to Bangladesh where they are working with local villages to plant churches in both Bangladesh and India.

Blake and Emily Ackerson
CRU
Sydney, Australia
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Blake and Emily moved their young family to Sydney four years ago to engage the exploding population of international students in Sydney with the gospel, disciple them, and connect them to local churches. The Ackerson family has struggled with significant health challenges but feel committed to staying the course in Sydney.



serve week

NEARLY 900 PEOPLE CAME
TOGETHER TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY
THROUGH 90+ PROJECTS ALONGSIDE
MORE THAN 30 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

HOW WILL YOUR **CONNECT GROUP**
SERVE THIS YEAR?

OCT 24-31

for more info, contact
missions@gabc.org

SERVE WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

October 24 - 31

Below are examples of projects your Connect Group could do to be a part of Serve Week. Let us know how your group would like to serve, or if you need assistance getting connected with a ministry. Email missions@gabc.org.



HANGERS OF HOPE

There are various tasks Volunteers can help with at the thrift store such as hanging and sorting clothes, cleaning shelves, and emptying clothing racks.

hangersofhope.com



LIVING ALTERNATIVES

Serve at the AXIA Center. A consistent need is outdoor work like mowing, weed eating, and hedge trimming. Cleaning inside the maternity home is also needed.

livingalternatives.org



ST. PAUL'S SERVICES

Volunteers are needed to serve with the food pantry by distributing goods to community members and organizing the pantry itself.

Thursdays from 1-4pm.

stpaulchildren.org



HAMPTONS SENIOR LIVING

Volunteers will guide people through a "Trunk or Treat" and help residents fill their bowls with candy. People are needed to lead group games, and greet guests. Be ready to provide candy and life giving conversations.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONNECT

Help with an outreach event geared towards International Students from UT Tyler! We need volunteers to attend the event, mingle with the students, and possibly gather supplies.



GRACE EMBEDDED

Help build and provide hand-made beds for children facing foster placement. No specialized skills are necessary, instructions will be provided upon arrival.

**Flint Campus Exclusive Opportunity*



PRISON MINISTRY

Teams will assist Steve Ballard and his connect group as they minister to this community in Henderson with a conference called "Transformation Weekend" October 17-18. We will prepare and serve 6 meals throughout the conference, have a guest speaker and breakout discussions, and will share the Gospel.



CHURCH UNDER THE BRIDGE

Help foster relationships and make disciples with the homeless community of Tyler, as well as the most marginalized and under-resourced families in our community. We will distribute hygiene packs, provide shower and laundry resources, and give out gospel tracts.



EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK

In ETFB's Tyler Volunteer Center, you'll inspect, sort, and repackage food. Other opportunities are also available at the Administration offices. If your group chooses this opportunity, please register at easttexasfoodbank.org. There is a special Saturday time slot for GABC members on October 24, though there are other times available.



BRECKENRIDGE VILLAGE

Breckenridge hosts a trunk or treat every year. Help host a trunk, run a block party for visiting family members, or lead a devo/worship time to cover an hour. Be ready to provide candy and games or decorations for your trunk!
breckenridgevillage.com



CHRISTIAN WOMEN JOB CORPS

A team is needed to prepare a meal and serve the meal to women involved in the Christian Women Job Corps. This opportunity can be any day of the week from 12 -1 PM.
cwjctyler.org



PEETE FALL FESTIVAL

Help put on a block party for Peete Elementary students. Volunteers would need to run bounce houses, group games, and pass out candy.



PRAYER WALK

Walk or drive an area of Tyler and pray over those who live/work there. This could be schools, parks, neighborhoods, wherever the Spirit leads you.



BAKED GOODS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Deliver baked goods to those who serve our community every day. The baked goods would preferably be store bought.



BLOCK PARTY

Host a block party for your neighborhood! Plan to provide things such as decorations, yard games, a staged area for family photos, candy to pass out, or coolers with beverages.



MIRACLE LEAGUE

Miracle League is a baseball league and field created for players with cognitive or physical challenges. We need volunteers to work concessions and be a "buddy" for a player. A buddy runs alongside them, pushes their wheelchair and helps them in the outfield.



WIDOW CARE

Join our *New Seasons* ministry that aims to care for those who have lost their spouse. Needs include "Honey-Do's" like replacing lightbulbs, cleaning out gutters, etc, but also relational care and sharing a meal.
For more details, email chris.carter@gabc.org



SCHOOL OUTREACH

Assemble "goodie bags" or write thank you notes for teachers in our community.



BETHESDA CLINIC

Medical Professionals are needed to assist with a Medical Clinic hosted by Bethesda on October 24. Non medical volunteers are also needed to help with administrative tasks.
bethesdaclinic.org



FOSTERING COLLECTIVE

Further the ministry by organizing and sorting their tangible needs closet that serves foster, adopt, and kinship families.



HIWAY 80 RESCUE MISSION

Volunteers are needed to help serve meals to the guests at their facilities.
hiway80rm.org

MISSION TRIPS 2027

SPRING BREAK

- OSAKA, JAPAN
- DOUNE, SCOTLAND
- MIDDLESBOROUGH, UK
- SAO PAULO, BRAZIL
- PROVO, UT - STUDENTS
- EL SALVADOR - YOUNG ADULTS
- BOZEMAN, MO

PALM SUNDAY

- SEVERANCE, CO
- LOVELAND, CO
- FT WORTH, TX

APRIL & MAY

- EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND
- MEN'S TRANSFORMATION
- HARRIET, AR
- SPOKANE, WA
- MALAWI, AFRICA

JUNE

- ARLINGTON, TX - STUDENTS
- TYLER, TX - STUDENTS
- CELINA, TX
- KENYA, AFRICA
- MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

JULY

- BOSTON, MA
- COLOMBIA OR EL SALVADOR
- CELINA, TX
- SPOKANE, WA
- PROVO, UT - YOUNG ADULTS
- COLORADO - FLINT
- COLORADO - WOMEN
- COLORADO - STUDENTS
- MEMPHIS - STUDENTS
- KAPOLEI, HI

FALL

- GRAND RAPIDS, MI
- HARRIET, AR
- MEN'S TRANSFORMATION

FOR UPDATED INFO ABOUT UPCOMING
TRIPS, VISIT [GABC.ORG/MISSIONS](https://gabc.org/missions)

MISSIONS CALENDAR

FALL 2026

SEPT

- First Responders Lunch Sept 10
- Tributary Retreat (AR) Mission Trip Sept 20-24

OCT

- Hygiene Pack Drive October 11 & 18
- Transformation Weekend (Men's Prison) Oct 17 & 18
- **Serve Week Oct 24-31**
- Block Parties Oct 31

NOV

- **World Mission Offering Kickoff Nov 1**
- Evangelism Training Nov 15
- Feed our Friends Nov 23
- Grace EmBedded Nov 25

DEC

- Tree Lighting Evangelism Teams Dec 4
- Provo, UT Young Adults Mission Trip Dec 11-14



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