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Conference Handbook
& Missionary Prayer Guide



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2026 WELCOME

“Jesus appointed twelve of his disciples so that they might be with him and he might send them out.”

(Mark 3:14)

God has the most glorious intentions for His followers' lives:

First, He wants you to be with Him.

Second, He wants to send you out.

Put another way: following Jesus means being ***centered and sent***.

Centered *on* Jesus and sent *by* Jesus.

Sent where?

Your neighborhood...

The nations...

Who knows!

But wherever we are... we live like God sent us there. We *Live Sent*.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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WEDNESDAY 11.11



Seniors & Friends Session



10am



Life Center



Speaker: TBD

THURSDAY 11.12



Women's Tea & Dessert



6:30pm



Auditorium



Speaker: Carmen Post

FRIDAY 11.13



GO Trips Film Festival & Dessert



6:30pm



Auditorium



Family friendly event!

Register for
LiveSent Events



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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SATURDAY 11.14



Evangelism Workshop



3-5pm



The Commons



Do you desire to share your faith but aren't sure how (or want to grow)? This equipping event is for you!



All-Church Potluck & Missionary Stories



5:30pm



Gymnasium

SUNDAY 11.15



Calling Conversation/ Lunch



Do you feel there's even a 10% chance God might be calling you towards foreign missions work? Join Todd Ahrend for lunch.



12:45pm



The Commons



2026 SPEAKERS

CARMEN POST



Carmen is the Founder and Executive Director of *Make Your Mark*, which is dedicated to defending poor and vulnerable children around the world. After coming to faith, Carmen and her husband, Trent, adopted a baby girl from Ethiopia

and eventually took their ministry to the streets of Addis Abobo, Ethiopia in 2011 where they lived full time until 2024.

Today *Make Your Mark* has 56 staff who are bringing young boys and girls out of abuse, sex trafficking, and street life, to lives filled with hope and purpose. Today the Posts live in Huntersville, NC and travel the world sharing their story.

2026 SPEAKERS

TODD AHREND



Dr. Todd Ahrend graduated from Northeastern State University, has a Masters from Dallas Theological Seminary and a D.Min from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

He is the founder and international Director of The Traveling Team, a national missions mobilization movement. He and his wife, Jessica, have spent almost two decades traveling both nation-wide and abroad, speaking to thousands of people about involvement in world evangelization. Todd has exposure in over sixty countries and has lived in the Middle East.

He is the author of *The Abrahamic Revolution* and *In This Generation*. Todd and Jessica have five children.

2027 GO TRIPS

Global Outreach (GO) Trips

Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples of all nations. This command isn't just for *elite* Christians, but for *ALL* Christians. Jesus sent groups of His followers out on short-term trips (Luke 9:1, 10:1) so *we do too*. GO Trips are opportunities to share the Gospel, serve like Jesus, and develop a heart like His for the nations. GoTrips change the way you see the world.

If you've never been on a GO Trip, this may be your next step in your discipleship journey. Take a look at the teams being sent in 2027.

*Learn more
and apply for a
GoTrip today!*





BARAHONA, **DOMINICAN** **REPUBLIC**

Dates: June 22-29

Estimated Cost: \$2,600

Leader: Pastor Preston & Pastor Kyle

Team Size: 12

Ages: Graduating & Rising Seniors only

Description: This trip partners with Children of the Nations® which serves marginalized communities of Haitians in the DR. This team will do a variety of service projects including building beds, cleaning yards, and hosting a pool party for dozens of children in COTN's program.



GUARARI, **COSTA RICA**

Dates: July 17-24

Estimated Cost: \$2,100

Leaders: Dustin & Erin Segers

Team Size: 13

Ages: 6+

Description: GO Trip teams partner with *'Smiles With Hope,'* a non-profit embedded in Guarari – a marginalized community in San José where 10,000 people live exposed to acute poverty. Smiles with Hope is a sanctuary, especially for mothers and children. Our teams offer Gospel teachings, friendship, joy, and love to the mothers and children of Guarari.



KINGSTON, JAMAICA

Dates: July 23 – August 3

Estimated Cost: \$2,200

Leader: Jason Vreeke

Team Size: 13

Ages: 10+

Description: CBC has had a friendship with First Missionary Church in Kingston for over 30 years! Our summer teams often run VBS activities for children and participate in outreach and evangelism throughout the communities around Kingston. The people of Jamaica are vibrant and very open to spiritual conversations.



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Dates: July 11-17

Estimated Cost: \$50 ½ wk; \$100 full wk.

Leaders: Bill Burtis & Rob McGee

Team Size: 20+

Ages: 14+

Description: In 2024 Western North Carolina was significantly impacted by the unexpected force of Hurricane Helene. Years later, communities are still navigating the damage. CBC partners with *Baptists on Mission* by sending teams to rebuild and recover normalcy in neighborhoods in the region. Participants can expect a wide variety of service opportunities.



MISSIONARY PRAYER BOOK

*“Pray for us that the
message of the Lord may
spread rapidly and be
honored.”*

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2



A portrait of a woman with short, wavy grey hair, smiling gently. She is wearing a blue top with a lace-like pattern. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with green foliage.

SHANNON

Reach Global US-Based

Shannon has been a member of CBC since 2002. After serving in Uganda for several years, she joined a church planting team in Bucharest, Romania in 2013. Today, Shannon is building, inspiring, and growing the Church through evangelism and disciple-making among least-loved and least-reached peoples in the Triad and around the world. Her ministry is focused on poor, sick, displaced, and trafficked individuals and households in a way that nurtures trust in Jesus in order to direct more glory to Him. Pray for open doors and open hearts for Shannon to share with others about God's love.





ESTEBAN & BETHANY

IBAC
Mexico & Latin America

Esteban and Bethany Amaya have served with IBAC (The Bible Institute of the Americas and Caribbean) since 2018. They have four children - Lydia, Josiah, Julia, and Nehemiah. Bethany serves as the ministry's Director of Communications while Esteban serves as the Institute Coordinator for Mexico, Argentina, and Bolivia. In addition to their work with IBAC they also lead evangelistic/ discipleship efforts in Querétaro, Mexico where they live. The Amayas have hosted several CBC GO Trip Teams since 2018 when we began partnering in ministry and will begin a new IBAC site with CBC in 2026.



A portrait of a young woman with long, wavy brown hair and bangs, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a light blue ribbed turtleneck sweater and a delicate gold necklace with a small pendant. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage and trees.

MAGGIE

Pioneers Miyazaki, Japan

Maggie grew up at CBC and has been drawn to Japan since childhood. After visiting Japan for a year and enduring a season of fundraising, Maggie recently launched to Japan and has started language school. Longterm, Maggie plans to be a member of the Pioneers team based in Miyazaki where they have a small church which meets in the team leaders' home. Japan is the worlds 2nd largest unreached people group. While there is resistance to the Gospel, God is nevertheless moving across Japan in mighty and exciting ways. Pray for Maggie as she prepares herself for longterm service.





JIM & DANA

Crossover Global US-Based

Jim and Dana are dear friends of CBC - Jim served Community Bible Church as both an elder and interim youth pastor before responding to a call to serve with Crossover Global at their office in Columbia, SC. Jim serves as Crossover's Director of Systems and Technology that enables and empowers Crossover Global to continue planting churches in more than 30 countries where people have extremely limited access to the Gospel and Gospel centered churches. Please pray for Jim as he equips Crossover Global's staff so that they can continue doing critical kingdom work.



SARAH

North Africa

Sarah is a young woman from the US who recently began serving in a security sensitive country in North Africa with very limited access to the Gospel. In this country, Christians are persecuted - openly sharing one's faith can have serious consequences. Please pray for Sarah as she begins to integrate into the community God has called her to. Pray for her as she begins to learn the unique dialect of Arabic spoken by people in this region so that she can communicate the love of God. Pray for wisdom and safety as Sarah navigates the challenges that come with being a believer in this area.





STEWART

Cru/ Jesus Film
Orlando, FL

God brought Stewart to faith through a sermon that was preached in Virtual Reality (VR). Years later, Stewart became a member of CBC and in 2025 Stewart was sent to work with the Jesus Film Project as the world's first commissioned Virtual Reality Missionary. He currently serves with Cru as 'VR Evangelism and Discipleship Specialist' and is developing exciting tools and strategies for reaching the spiritually lost who find themselves in virtual spaces. Pray for those lost in Virtual Reality, that God would draw them as He drew Stewart - and that He'd continue using Stewart to reach them.

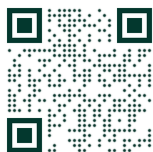




C & C

Teaching English in the Near East

C&C live in a majority Muslim Country with their two children where they have taught English for the last 7 years. Through their work and daily lives they seek to create opportunities to share Scripture and the Gospel with their students and neighbors. C&C recently moved to a newer larger city with more opportunities. Pray for their new English students, that the Spirit would use all possible avenues to draw them to the Father. Pray for C&C's two children as they adjust to a new area and seek to make friends. And pray for their safety as they minister in a country where Christians are persecuted for their faith.





KARL & CHELSEA

Cru / Destino & Jesus Film
Orlando, FL

Karl and Chelsea both serve full-time with Cru. They have four children, and are currently expecting their fifth! Karl leads a team that is responsible for recording the 'Jesus Film' into new languages with very limited access to the Gospel and evangelistic tools. Chelsea works with Destino - a ministry of Cru committed to making disciples of Jesus among Latino and Hispanic students. Chelsea helps lead Destino's annual conference called Legacía. Pray for the Hengevelds as they welcome their fifth child, for continued fruitfulness in their ministries, and for God to raise up people to assist in the work.



THE GREENES

Cru US-Based

The Greenes have been serving in missions since early in their marriage and have four children. They have served in China, Turkey, and now continue to serve with Cru from the US remotely in a leadership role giving oversight, care, and support to Cru Team Members around the world. Community Bible Church is happy to be the Greene's home church. On a given Sunday, you'll notice the Greenes serving in a number of capacities. Pray for them as they resource global leaders; and for their children, some of whom are in college. Pray that God blesses their ministry.





SYDNEY

Missions Resident, preparing for full time missionary work.

Sydney is a 2026 HPU grad who attended and served CBC faithfully throughout college. She went on multiple GO Trips both as a member and leader. Sydney serves as a Missions Resident at Mercy Church in Charlotte where she is receiving training in theology and ministry. She coordinates logistics for mission trips, and is raising up prospective longterm foreign missionaries. Pray that the Lord would use Sydney's residency to clarify the calling He has for her life. Pray also that the Lord would give Sydney favor as she seeks to raise up other people who will go to the Unreached.



MARK & MONA

West Africa

Mark & Mona serve in a security sensitive majority-muslim country with limited access to the Gospel, where Christians are often persecuted for their faith. As adults, Mark and Mona gave up successful careers in the US to respond to Christ's call to serve in an area that many Americans will never even know exists - it's a testament to the worthiness of Jesus. Pray that God continues to give Mark and Mona favor in being accepted by their community and as they seek to be Christian witnesses to the glory of God. Pray for their continued health and for fruitful relationships.





M4-Ukraine Currently Fundraising

Ivy is a recent HPU grad who spent her college years attending and serving CBC. Ivy has been on several CBC GO Trips both as a team member and team leader. She is currently raising support to launch into fulltime missions work in Uman, Ukraine where she will work with a church-planting organization called M4. Her work will consist of serving Ukrainian youth and young adults and also working as a bridge to churches in the US. Please pray for Ivy as she prepares to serve the war-affected people of Ukraine. Please also pray for Ivy as she raises support to go, and consider joining her team.



THE WRIGHTS

Mid-Asia

Matthew and Dilhani have served for almost a decade in a majority-muslim country in Mid-Asia where missionary work is unwelcome. Both were working as Christian leaders on the mission field when they met and were married - they have one daughter. Matthew serves as an evangelist and church planter and Dilhani works in Christian radio broadcasting. They recently joined a team in a new area and are currently in a season of fundraising in order to focus fully on the work of ministry. Pray for their team, for effective partnerships and unity as they seek to reach others for Christ.





IDRIS & GUNAY

Crossover Global Azerbaijan

Idris and Gunay are first-generation believers in the country of Azerbaijan. In 1989 there were less than a handful of Christians in Azerbaijan - today there are over twenty THOUSAND evangelical Christians. Idris serves as an Executive Vice President with Crossover Global - an organization committed to planting healthy churches in parts of the world that have limited access to the Gospel. Idris has the joy and responsibility of sharing the Gospel with entire towns and villages that have never heard it before. Pray for Idris, his family, and continued favor for his ministry.



A portrait of a young man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a dark green zip-up jacket over a white t-shirt. He is standing outdoors in front of a body of water with a wooden dock and a bench in the background.

MUSA

Crossover Global Azerbaijan

After graduating from Columbia International University, Musa recently returned to his home country of Azerbaijan to work alongside his father (Idris) in a rapidly-growing church planting movement. He serves as the Expansion Director for the Caucasus region, training pastors and sending them to plant churches among unreached people groups. Musa is currently working to reach an unengaged people group called the *Talysh* who live in southern Azerbaijan. Pray for Musa as he continues adjusting to the significant work God has given him to do.





NICK & MAIA

International Partnerships Ukraine

Nick and Maia are the founders and leaders of International Partnerships in Ukraine. Both Nick and Maia grew up in Communist Ukraine and are first generation believers. They started International Partnerships in 1997 with the aim of reaching influencers for Christ and planting churches. Today their ministry continues to focus on Evangelism and Church planting in Ukraine and surrounding nations (like Kazakhstan). In light of the war with Russia, International Partnerships has also taken on relief work as a significant part of their ministry. Nick and Maia have two adult children.





THE BLANCOS

Missionary Biblical Church Tupungato, Argentina

Matías, Paula, and their daughter Amelie) serve at Missionary Biblical Church in Tupungato (in Mendoza Argentina) where Matías is one of the pastors. Twice a year, the Blancos host weeklong Bible Institutes for about 100 believers from 7 other local churches in order to strengthen church leaders in their region. For the next seven years, CBC has the privilege of partnering with the Blanco's church by sending three instructors twice a year to teach alongside national leaders at these weeklong training events. Pray for the Blancos as they lead and model their faith in their home and throughout the region.

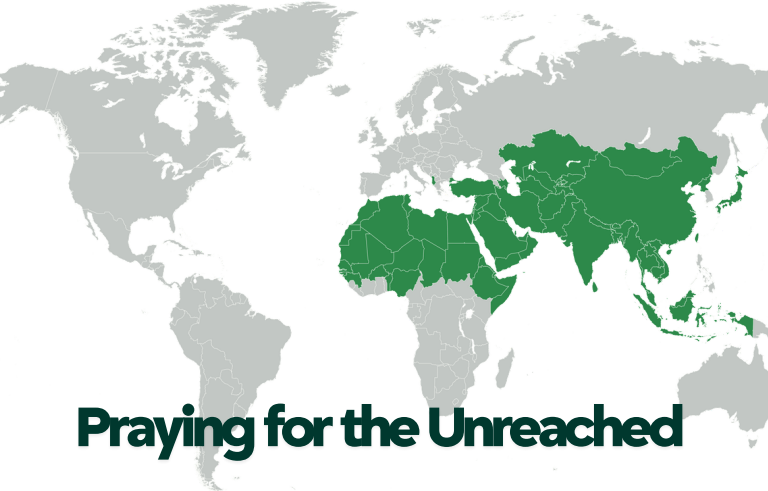


DAVE & ESE

West Africa

Dave and Ese minister in their home country. Dave serves as the Director of a large Christian missions organization that strives to reach the unreached. They work to train leaders, pastors, and missionaries to make disciples and plant churches throughout the country, especially amongst people with very limited access to the Gospel or a church. Dave also leads a network that currently disciples over 300 professionals across the country. Many believers and ministry workers in this area face persecution for their faith. Pray for both boldness and resources as they continue to reach the unreached.





Praying for the Unreached

WHO are the “Unreached”?

“Unreached” people are those with little-to-no access to the Gospel. They are entire ethnic groups, language groups, and cities that have not yet heard the Gospel. Today, 3.56 BILLION people are *unreached*. They will not hear about Jesus before they die... unless a *missionary* is sent to tell them.

WHERE are the “Unreached”?

90% of the world’s “unreached” people live in an area known as the “10/40 Window” - a region between 10° and 40° north latitude, spanning North Africa, the Middle East, and much of Asia (see the map above). Scan the QR code to begin praying for unreached peoples.

