



MISSIONS 2021

I will PRAY

Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field. - Luke 10:2

I will GIVE

Be generous...and your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. - 2 Corinthians 9:11

I will SEND

After they had fasted and prayed, they laid hands on them and sent them off. - Acts 13:2

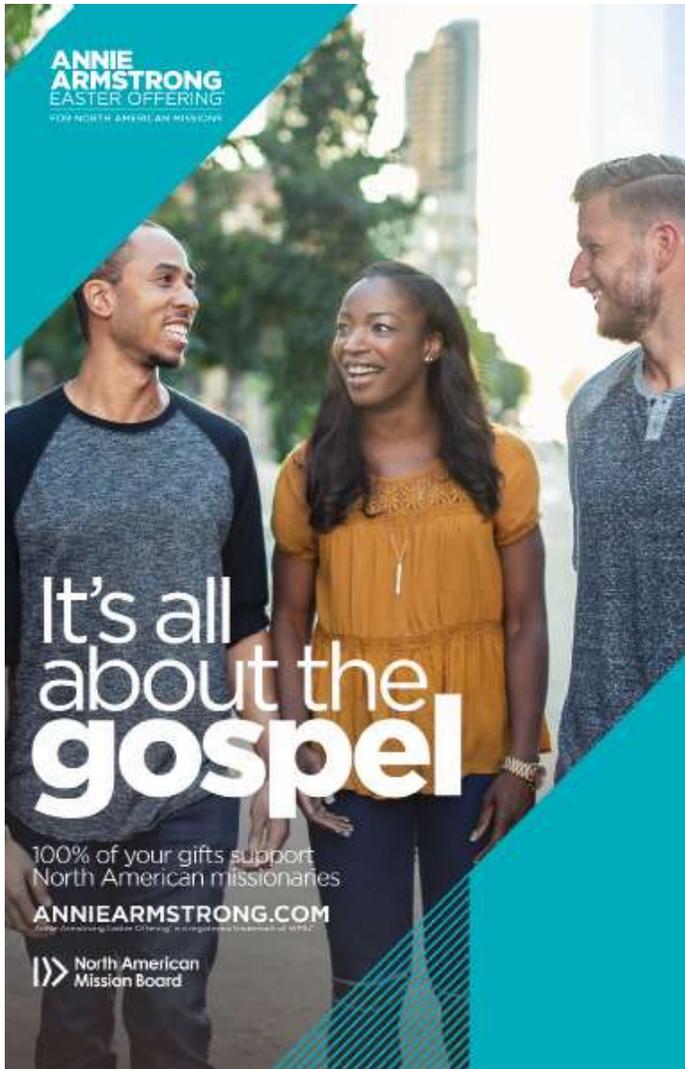
I will GO!

Go and make disciples of all nations. - Matthew 28:19



I will PRAY

For 2021, we are calling the church to pray regularly for the nation of Brazil. Portuguese is the primary language. Brazil is a country of 212 million people. 22% of the people self-identify as Protestant Christians, while over 20 million are unreached with the Gospel. Pray for the Phillips and Snyders as they labor to share the Gospel and make disciples in Brazil.



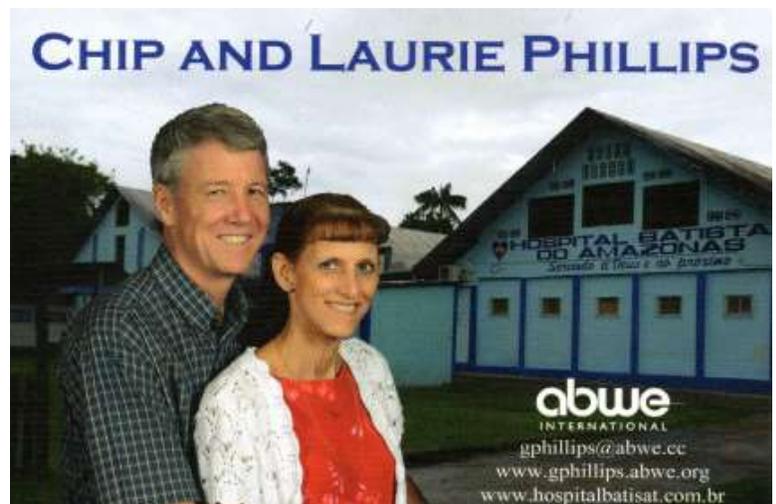
PRAYER GUIDES will be provided in our Worship Gatherings during special missions emphases. They will list some of the names of our missionaries and their needs so we can pray specifically for them.

A **PRAYER COMMUNIQUE** is prepared and printed each Wednesday listing specific needs of missionaries we support. These are also available in the office lobby.

NEWSLETTERS of the Ministries and Missionaries we support are available. We encourage everyone to go online or call and sign up to receive one or more of them. These will keep you 'up to date' on their current prayer needs.

Emailed DAILY PRAYER NEEDS of our I.M.B. missionaries can be sent to your device. Go to www.IMB.Org/Pray to sign up and begin learning more about them, their needs, and how to practically pray for them.

PRAYER CARDS of missionaries, ministries, and mission trip teams are provided throughout the year. Please take them, read them, and faithfully support them in prayer. Many place these in their homes to remind them to pray.





I will PRAY

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Every Christian is a missionary to someone – somewhere. Whether it is in our home, community, or beyond, there are those that God wants to touch – through us! Let all commit to be ‘on mission’ every day, taking the Gospel to those who need to hear ‘Good News.’ -Pastor Jim & Shirley



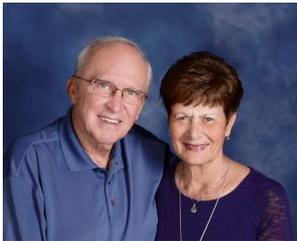
We are commissioned by the Lord to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. This doesn't have an age limit. Having been on the mission field multiple times, we have seen that everyone from young people to retired people can be used by Him both locally and overseas.
-Debbie & Dennis Doughty

In following our Lord's command of the Great Commission, coupled with the Spiritual Gift of Helps that He gave to me, a passion burns within to be the hands and feet of Jesus here in my Community, as well as the world at large. I will, therefore, Go. I will Support and send others. And I will pray and serve to always bring honor and glory to my Savior. -Lynn Overton



Serving on mission teams made me more aware of the need to send others out. It is a privilege to learn how we can equip others to be where God wants them, and provide that assistance to get His work done. -Mrs. Patricia Myers

By serving on the Missions Committee I get a more in-depth connection with our church missionaries. I see their heart, can pray more specifically for their needs, and am blessed as I see God using them to build His kingdom throughout the world. The Lord has used visits to see our missionary son and his family in Brazil to show me how foreign missionaries live and share Christ. That has encouraged me to look for opportunities to share Christ here at home—for that's what missions is all about!
-Mary Phillips



Mission in any form is a mandate from God. Initially I had reservations about what I could or would really do, but I took a step of faith. Looking back, it has been the most rewarding and fulfilling experience of my life. We gave but in return we took home genuine gratitude, hugs, and smiles that changed my life. Serving on this Mission Board encourages continued specific support

to our missionaries around the world. No matter the role, together we are the hands and feet to reach the lost for Jesus!
-Mrs. Joanne Potempa

Lani was raised as a Buddhist in Saigon, after suffering a great personal loss, Lani was led to Jesus by a loving Christian Lady named Irene, who was able to get ahold of very simple Vietnamese Bible tracts (crude paraphrases). But the act of reading, God's plan in her own language, made all the difference. Years later, Lani led me to Jesus. As husband and wife, we have always understood the impact missions had on us personally. We have faithfully support missions, for the "long haul". That support really came to fruition for us, when an organization we supported, produced the first: Vietnamese NIV Bible, translated directly from, original texts. When Lani, got an early copy, she placed it, next to her English NIV and opened them both to the book of John. After reading back and forth between the two texts for some time. Lani looked up and said: It's the same! Faithful long-term support of Mission work, can take us from crude paraphrases, to the complete Bible. This is why we serve.- Mark & Lani Vasick



I felt called to be a part of the Mission's committee because I believe each of us has a role to play in following Jesus's last command to us before He ascended. I know that everyone is not called to move overseas as a missionary, but there are supporting roles that include praying for missionaries, serving on a missions board, leading teams, supporting missionaries through encouraging notes, and more. Join us in the call!
-Ariel O'Brien



I will GIVE



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Cooperative Program Giving

We will send a check each month from our Church budget to the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention. This Program pays the salaries and expenses for 8,500+ trained full-time missionaries serving around the world. In 2020, we intend to give \$110,000.

Giving to other Missionaries and Ministries

We will send a monthly check from our budget to support these non-Southern Baptist missionaries.



A.B.W.E.
Dr. Chip & Lorie Phillips



Brazil Church Planting
Dan & Julie Snyder



CONVERGE INT'L MINISTRIES
Andrew & Miranda Brothers



INTERNATIONAL
Jim & Stephanie



Patch Our Planet
Steve Gillis



Jacqueline Zdrojowy - Director



YWAM
Collin Lee



Young Life
Tom Parker



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Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

This special offering in March helps fund the needs and evangelism projects of Southern Baptist missionaries who serve in North America.



Mother's Day Offering for the Florida Baptist Children's Homes

This special offering in May is used to fund Homes that serve abused, neglected, and orphaned children. This includes food, housing, clothing, transportation, round-the-clock care, medical care, counseling, and other professional services.



Maguire State Mission Offering

This special offering in September helps new congregations through no-interest church site loans, as well as ministries throughout Florida and in Haiti and Cuba.



World Hunger Day Offering

This special offering is used for hunger related ministries. For every dollar given, 25 cents remains in Florida, 15 cents is used in North America, and 60 cents is distributed to battle world hunger.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

This special offering in December is dispersed to over 5,000+ missionaries worldwide and used for their specific outreach projects.



Other

We will also support other mission endeavors such as the Gideons, local Food Banks, Operation Christmas Child, and clothing drives for children.



I will SEND

God will call individuals and Mission Teams to travel to a particular location and serve.

It will be our privilege and responsibility as a Church Family to SEND them. This means:

1. We will enlist and train them to go.
2. We will help provide for them financially.
3. We will publically commission them.
4. We will support them in prayer through this entire process.

Our Missions Committee will prayerfully consider opportunities each year for individuals and teams to go on stateside and international trips. They will promote the trip and hope that every member of First Baptist will prayerfully consider going, if at all possible, as well as pray for other members who should participate.



If someone sends you a support letter for one of the trips, we hope you will pray about the request and as led, give generously.

The morning of the commissioning, we hope you will take seriously the charge we extend to the team, take the card provided, and faithfully pray. This is an integral part of the sending process.

We will provide reports from these trips. We will also update the Church family periodically about those places where we have sent teams. We hope you will read them and cultivate a heart for missions.



I will GO!

LOCALLY

Locally, we are committed to the following Community Connections. We hope everyone will find at least one way you can be supportive and serve. For further information, please check our Church's website:

www.FBCPortCharlotte.com/missions



Chaplaincy Ministry



Community Christian School



Feeding the Hungry



Good News Club



Pregnancy Solutions Center



Specials Ministry



Winshape Camps Each July



Young Life



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MISSION TRIPS

In 2021, we are prayerfully considering the following trips.
More details will be provided as the time comes to enlist the mission trip team.



Disaster Relief Service Trips



Student Mission Trip



Refuge Center in Clarkston, GA