



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MEDINA

# 31-DAY

MISSIONARY PRAYER GUIDE



***“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***

***“...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” -Acts 1:8b***

After Jesus rose from the grave, He charged His followers (*multiple times*) to go out into the world around them and share the Good News of the Gospel. This is the primary call to action that is placed on all believers. At First Baptist, we believe in this calling, its importance and the urgent need to get the Gospel out to our town, our state, our nation and the world. For some people, we call missionaries, this calling prompts them to leave their hometown and go to the ends of the earth. For those of us who stay on the home front, we have the responsibility to support them, and one of the best ways we can do that is through prayer.

**This booklet is a tool for you to accomplish that responsibility to pray. In it, you will find a name and photograph of one of our missionaries for every day.** On the next page, you will see a world map. This map shows all the locations where we have missionaries. **On every other day, you will additionally find the name of an agency which we support.** Websites are listed for each person and agency so you can learn more about what they are doing in their field. To see all this online, go to [www.firstmedina.org/missions](http://www.firstmedina.org/missions).

Please, set aside time each day to pray over these names and organizations.

We also pray that this process will encourage you to step out in faith and share the Good News with those who are in the spaces you are in everyday.

In Him,

*First Baptist Staff & Missions Committee*



To see this map online, visit [www.firstmedina.org/missions](http://www.firstmedina.org/missions)

## DAY 1

### **Dwayne & Tammy Wright**

*Baptist Bible Fellowship International, Ethiopia*

The Wrights have been called to minister to the people of Addis Ababa, the capitol city of Ethiopia. With over 4 million people in the city, there is a great need for New Testament churches. Dwayne and Tammy moved to Addis Ababa with their 4 children in Dec. 2012 and partner with Manna Worldwide to impact children's lives through spiritual and educational ways. [www.impact1life.com](http://www.impact1life.com)



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## DAY 2

### **Keith & Debby Gandy**

*Baptist Bible Fellowship International, Germany*

Keith and Debbie Gandy, missionaries to Germany since 1983, have been supported by FBC since 2013. They share the truth and light of the gospel to a postmodern, relativistic Europe that does not recognize the authority of the Bible. In addition to pastoring the church they founded in Aschaffenburg, they have established daughter churches in the region and also mentor newer missionaries in the challenging mission field of Europe. Their current newsletter, blogs and other info can be found at [www.keithgandy.com](http://www.keithgandy.com).



## DAY 3

### Steve Harney

#### *Cool Kids Ministries*

Cool Kids Ministries, Inc. is a vibrant children's ministry utilizing fun and fascination to reach kids in fast-paced programs in churches, school assemblies, camps and radio

podcasts. Ventriloquism, illusion and interaction are just some of the means of sharing the gospel and God's love. Cool Kids

conducts teacher training sessions, provides random acts of coolness resources and has ministry outreaches in Haiti, Taiwan, Romania and the Ukraine. Supported by FBC since 2009. [www.coolkidsministries.com](http://www.coolkidsministries.com)



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## DAY 4

### Brad & Tricia Henderson

#### *SENT, Inc., Tanzania*

The Hendersons are missionaries to Tanzania, Africa, and have been supported by FBC since 2008. They minister at the TRUTH Center, which is home to Truth Baptist Church, Truth Bible Institute, Truth Learning Center (elementary school), and the Timothy House Boys Home (orphaned high school boys). They have lead additional church plants and strive to prepare Tanzanian men to shepherd their own people. [www.sentinc.org/the-hendersons/](http://www.sentinc.org/the-hendersons/)



### Day 4: Organization Supported by FBC

Bibles International (the Bible Society of Baptist Mid-Missions) [www.biblesint.org](http://www.biblesint.org)

## DAY 5

### Mary Herman

#### *Baptist Bible Fellowship International*

After more than 30 years teaching at Baptist Bible College in Springfield, MO, where she established and directed the Elementary Education Department, Mary was led to begin a new career as a “Missionary Teacher to the Regions Beyond.” Through BBFI, Mary travels to mission fields around the world to train Sunday School teachers, teach in Bible Institutes, and support the teaching and training efforts of other BBFI missionaries. Supported by FBC since 2009.

[www.bbfimissions.com/bbfi-missionaries/](http://www.bbfimissions.com/bbfi-missionaries/)



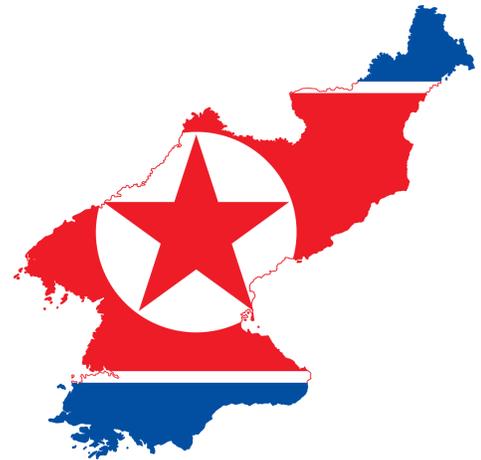
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## DAY 6

### The Persecuted Church

Pray today for the church in **North Korea**:

- \* for the safety of all believers
- \* for emotional support and comfort
- \* for encouragement



For more information, visit the following website—

<https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/world-watch-list/>

**Day 6: Organization Supported by FBC**

Baptist Mid-Missions [www.bmm.org](http://www.bmm.org)

## DAY 7

### Alex & Pam Konya

#### *Word of Life, Hungary*

Alex and Pam have served with Word of Life International since 1992. They ministered in Hungary, where Alex served as director of Word of Life Hungary until 2013, when God called them to step into the regional directorship of Word of Life's ministries in Europe and Eurasia and they moved to the Czech Republic. Alex is a conference speaker in a number of countries and they help coordinate a vibrant camp and outreach ministry throughout central Europe. [www.give.wol.org/alexkonya](http://www.give.wol.org/alexkonya)



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## DAY 8

### Larry & Sue Jarvis

#### *Medina Light Ministries, Ohio*

Larry and Susan are the founders of Medina Light Ministries, an organization that reaches out to inmates of the Medina County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center. Serving as chaplains since 1992, they have counseled, taught and preached the message of God's redemptive love to thousands of inmates. Their mission is to provide help and hope to those who need it most. Medina Light Ministries also distributes "Uncuffed," a monthly newsletter which reaches approximately 750 inmates nationwide with a goal of helping inmates regain their freedom from the inside out. Larry and Sue are faithful members of FBC. [www.medinalight.org](http://www.medinalight.org)



**Day 8: Organization Supported by FBC**

Medina Light Ministries [www.medinalight.org](http://www.medinalight.org)

## DAY 9

**Phyllis Bacon** —Retired missionary to Benin, Niger and Quebec.

**Virgil & Dolores Bunjer**— Retired missionaries to Germany

**Ken & Bertha Frost**—Retired missionaries to Brazil

**Michael & Elva Farrell**—Retired missionaries to France

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## DAY 10

### **Micah & Audrey McElveen**

*Vapor Ministries, Africa/Haiti*

Vapor Ministries derives its name from Psalm 39, reminding us that life is like a vapor, requiring urgency in meeting both physical and spiritual needs of people. Their motto of “Meet the need, feed the soul” is accomplished through attracting people to their centers with sports, providing a safe environment, establishing relationships and sharing God’s word. Their mission is to glorify Christ, advance the gospel and serve the poor to alleviate poverty and multiply disciples in third world countries (Haiti, Kenya, Togo).

[www.vaporministries.org](http://www.vaporministries.org)



**Day 10: Organization Supported by FBC**

Vapor Sports [www.vaporministries.org](http://www.vaporministries.org)

## DAY 11

### “Undercover” Missionaries

First Baptist also supports missionaries in areas where Christian outreach must be done “undercover” because of government restrictions and/or because of cultural prejudices against Christian missionaries. These missionaries work in secular jobs and reach others by building relationships first, then sharing the Gospel. Sharing their names and locations would jeopardize their ministry, but you can still pray for them and for their work.

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## DAY 12

### Joe & Noney Mita

*Baptist Mid-Missions, Japan*

The Mitas are involved in the Grace Baptist Bible School, church planting, Biblical counseling, and other duties as part of the BMM team in Japan. [www.bmm.org/family/mita-koichi-joe-and-nobuko-noney](http://www.bmm.org/family/mita-koichi-joe-and-nobuko-noney)



**Day 12: Organization Supported by FBC**

Medina Internationals

<https://www.facebook.com/Medina-Internationals-119611924814270/>

## DAY 13

### The Persecuted Church

Pray today for the church in **Afghanistan**:

- \* for the physical needs of believers
- \* for believers who are in prison  
or who have a family member in prison



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<https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/world-watch-list/>

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## DAY 14

### Earl & Marilyn Shaffer

*ABWE, Ohio*

Earl and Marilyn are church planters in Ohio. They are currently working at their third church plant, Dayspring at Alton Road Church, west of

Columbus. [www.abwe.org/work/missionaries/earl-g-and-marilyn-shaffer](http://www.abwe.org/work/missionaries/earl-g-and-marilyn-shaffer)



**Day 14: Organization Supported by FBC**

Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches [www.oarbc.org](http://www.oarbc.org)

## DAY 15

### Joy Spieth

#### *Baptist Mid-Missions, Brazil*

Joy has been supported by FBC since 1970. Her parents also served as missionaries to Brazil with BMM. Joy's training as a nurse helps define her ministry to the people of Brazil. Along with sharing her medical expertise, Joy teaches in the Baptist Seminary of Amazonas, uses her musical abilities, and is very active in the groundwork of several new congregations. [www.bmm.org/country/brazil/](http://www.bmm.org/country/brazil/)

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## DAY 16

### Jeff & Debbie Davis

#### *Christar*

Jeff and Debbie serve in Michigan where they train missionaries to preach the gospel in Muslim countries. He is also the lead pastor of a local church, and she is the head of outreach ministries at the same church.

[www.christar.org](http://www.christar.org)

**Day 16: Organization Supported by FBC**  
Oasis of Hope Pregnancy Support Center [www.oasisofmedina.org](http://www.oasisofmedina.org)

## DAY 17

### **Doug & Amber Staley**

*SENT, Inc., Republic of Ireland*

Doug and Amber and their four children are church-planting missionaries to the Republic of Ireland, ministering in Mallow, County Cork at Mallow Baptist Church and overseeing Crossroads Bible Institute. [www.sentinc.org/the-staleys/](http://www.sentinc.org/the-staleys/)



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## DAY 18

### **Jen Srail**

*Crossworld, Cambodia*

Jen grew up at FBC and is the daughter of FBC members Roger and Barbara Srail. Jen ministers to the Cambodian people in a country where half the population is under the age of 25 and economic and civil turmoil have left people disillusioned, impoverished and craving answers. With so many at-risk youth, Jen's primary ministry is to young women as she builds relationships, shares and discipless them.

[www.crossworld.org](http://www.crossworld.org)



**Day 18: Organization Supported by FBC**

Watermark Church [www.watermarkcolumbus.com](http://www.watermarkcolumbus.com)

## DAY 19

### Joe & Ladaere Millioni

#### *United World Mission*

Joe has taken on the role of Director of the Center for Intercultural Training Global. CIT has a long history of preparing N. American missionaries to serve around the world. With so many countries now reaching the stage of sending missionaries of their own, it was a natural fit for CIT to launch it's global branch. CIT global will be helping the national churches develop pre-field training to go to the unreached. Ladaere and Joe will also be facilitating courses at CIT in North Carolina. They also facilitate the Sembradores network in Cuba. In the last ten years, Sembradores has seen over 1000 new churches planted and a church planting network developed. Cuba is now ready to send out Cuban missionaries and will be one of the first locations for CIT global.

[www.uwm.org/missionaries/31208](http://www.uwm.org/missionaries/31208)



## DAY 20

### Nate & Karol Watkins

#### *Baptist Mid-Missions, New York City's Liberian Population*

The Watkins have been with Baptist Mid-Missions since 1987, first in Liberia, where they were forced to evacuate due to civil unrest, and later on the Ivory Coast. They are now involved in church planting among the large Liberian population on Staten Island, NY.

[www.bmm.org/family/watkins-nathan-and-karol/](http://www.bmm.org/family/watkins-nathan-and-karol/)



**Day 20: Organization Supported by FBC**

Ohio Christian Alliance [www.ohioca.org](http://www.ohioca.org)

## DAY 21

### **Brian & Rachael Weed**

*Baptist Bible Fellowship International, Nicaragua*

The Weeds and their 3 daughters serve in Nicaragua, reaching people through youth camps, VBS, and church ministries. [www.bbfimissions.com/bbf-missionaries/](http://www.bbfimissions.com/bbf-missionaries/)



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## DAY 22

### **Dan & Rachael Stoner**

*Wycliffe, Cameroon*

Dan & Rachael Stoner are both pilots and mechanics who were FBC members that responded to God's call to the mission field. Their ministry goal in Cameroon is to utilize aviation to expand God's kingdom "faster and farther" for church planting in unreached areas as well as transport of medical supplies and individuals needing medical care. Dan and Rachael have 4 children. FBC is the sending church for the Stoners.

<http://www.fasterandfarther.com/>



**Day 22: Organization Supported by FBC**

HCJB (Christian radio broadcasting throughout the world)

## DAY 23

**Florence Houck**—Retired missionary to Niger.

**Barry & Linda Jones**—Retired missionaries with ABWE.

**Stan & Junia Schauer**—Retired missionaries to Colombia.

**Dave Toro**—Retired missionary to Chile and Australia.

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## DAY 24

### **Steve & Susan Oswald**

#### *Word of Life*

The Oswalds have a passion to reach today's youth through evangelism, discipleship, and leadership training. They do whatever they can to help local churches develop vibrant youth and children's ministries. They believe that leadership is key to reaching youth. One of their main goals is to help leaders grow in Christ and in their ability to lead the children and teens that God has placed under their care. <https://give.wol.org/soswald>



**Day 24: Organization Supported by FBC**

Team JAM [www.teamjam.org](http://www.teamjam.org)

## DAY 25

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## DAY 26

### Greg & LuAnn Lyons

*Baptist Bible Fellowship International, Global Surge, Philippines*

Greg and LuAnn have served as missionaries to the Philippines since 1985. Greg is founder and CEO of Global Surge, a multi-faceted ministry consisting of urban youth, sports and teacher camps, student centers, feeding centers, medical clinics, disaster relief and a bible college. Annual youth camps see thousands of students come to Christ each summer. They have planted several new churches and the ministry extends into Cambodia, Thailand and Pakistan. [www.globalsurge.org](http://www.globalsurge.org)

**Day 26: Organization Supported by FBC**

Voice of the Martyrs [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com)

## DAY 27

### Nate & Shanna Mast

#### *BlueSky, Kenya*

Nate attended FBC from nursery through college and is the son of FBC members David & Deb Mast. He and Shanna serve with BlueSky Global in Nairobi, Kenya in a ministry with international students. They work with Camp BlueSky and Nate also serves as youth ministry director at International Christian Fellowship. Their ministry is one of relationship building and sharing the gospel with youth through small group Bible studies, activities, teaching, adventures and doing life with the students. [www.allthewaytoafrica.org](http://www.allthewaytoafrica.org)



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## DAY 28

### The Persecuted Church

Pray today for the church in **Libya**:

- \* for the safety of all believers
- \* for spiritual awakening
- \* for the Gospel to spread throughout the country



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**Day 28: Organization Supported by FBC**  
General Association of Regular Baptist Churches [www.garbc.org](http://www.garbc.org)

## DAY 29

### John & Michele Morgan

#### *ABWE*

John and Michelle served with ABWE as medical missionaries in Togo for two terms. God lead them back to a church planting ministry in the states and then into an ABWE staff position of local and international missionary training. In 2014, John transitioned into ABWE's Strategic Initiatives & Research Coordinator providing research and initiatives to assist ABWE field teams and national partners in evangelism and church planting. Michele serves with the International Healthcare Division of ABWE and assists in leading short-term medical clinics.

[www.abwe.org/work/missionaries/john-and-michele-morgan](http://www.abwe.org/work/missionaries/john-and-michele-morgan)



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## DAY 30

### Ken & Renee Dockery

#### *Continental Baptist Missions, Cleveland*

Ken was a pastor in Pennsylvania when a health issue brought him to the Cleveland Clinic and he became burdened for the inner city of Cleveland. Ken and Renee partnered with Bill and Natalie Taylor to plant CityView Baptist Church in downtown Cleveland in January 2010 at the Wyndham Hotel on Euclid Avenue. They currently meet in the Hilton Garden Inn, have a westside fellowship and hold individual and small-group Bible studies in other areas of Cleveland, including campus ministries at Case Western and Cleveland State University. [www.cityviewbc.org](http://www.cityviewbc.org)



**Day 30: Organization Supported by FBC**

Ohio Baptist Bible Fellowship [www.ohiobbf.org](http://www.ohiobbf.org)

**DAY 31**

## **William & Natalie Taylor**

### *Continental Baptist Missions, Cleveland*

After several years serving at Medina First Baptist and Medina Christian Academy while raising support, Bill and Natalie moved to Cleveland with their 5 children and the Dockery family to plant a church in the inner city. City View Baptist Church held their first worship service in January 2010. They meet in the Hilton Garden Inn and also hold individual and small-group Bible studies in other areas of Cleveland, including campus ministries at Case Western and Cleveland State University.

[www.cityviewbc.org/leadership](http://www.cityviewbc.org/leadership)



### **Day 31: Organization Supported by FBC**

City View Church [www.cityviewbc.org](http://www.cityviewbc.org)



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