

*Mount Vernon*  
BAPTIST CHURCH

# SENDING

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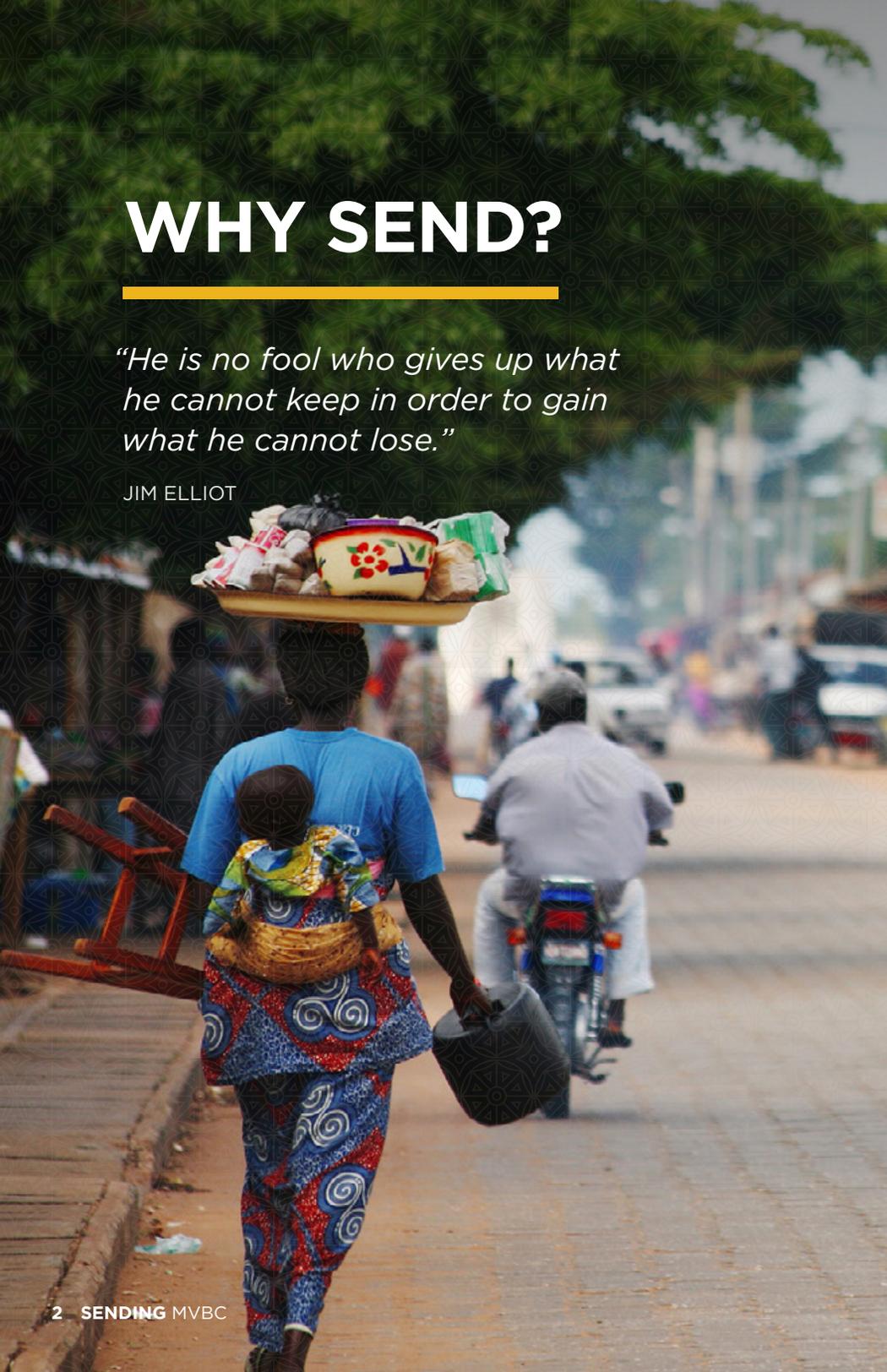


# WHY SEND?

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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 us 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; he will not fail.
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 (Gen. 12:3; Acts 1:8). Therefore, we believe people from every nation, tribe, people, and language (Rev. 7:9) will respond to the gospel.



## How to use this booklet

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### Be informed!

Good stewardship requires we support work among unreached and unengaged people groups. There are approximately 7,100 unreached people groups and over 3,000 are unengaged.<sup>1</sup> Nearly 50% of our direct missions budget supports work among unreached and unengaged people groups.

### Be engaged!

Go on a mission trip. Serve at a local ministry. Adopt a partner as part of the missionary care team. You can also inform the Elder Mission Team of potential partnerships and other good works. Talk to our Assistant Pastor/Missions or Deacons of International and Local Missions.

### Be prayerful!

Please use this booklet as a prayer guide for supported workers. Consider praying for a different partner each day.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://peoplegroups.org/>

## How do we decide whom to support?

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

1. How unreached or unengaged is the target group?
2. What is the target group's current access to the gospel?
3. Does MVBC or MVBC member have a unique relationship with the potential partner?
4. Is the potential partner theologically like-minded?
5. Does the work empower indigenous Christians to take the gospel to their neighbors?
6. Does MVBC offer any unique resources that would be critical to the partnership?
7. What level of engagement does this opportunity afford MVBC?

# INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

## Access Partners

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

Access Partners works to foster 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 places Christians with specific skills overseas to partner with church planters.

*Pray that God will provide staff opportunities to share the gospel with their clients. Pray that the mature believers employed by their businesses would be a long-term blessing to their churches. Pray that the businesses could help churches be financially self-sustaining.*

## North Africa Church

MVBC partners with a local church and pastor in North Africa. This church experienced significant growth and has national influence to see the gospel preached and churches planted throughout North Africa. In late 2019, the government ordered the church to close its building, forcing the church to divide into home groups.

*Pray this congregation flourishes in the face of persecution, the church building would be allowed to reopen, God will raise up more leaders, and that pastors and other churches would be well served by this church.*



## East-West Ministries

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

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

*Pray that many would be saved through this ministry and that God would raise up workers for the harvest.*

## Central Mennonite Church

Central Mennonite Church (CMC) in San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic, takes the gospel to the unreached, mountain region of La Florida. MVBC partners in that work both financially and by sending members on short-term trips. MVBC also partners with CMC to host a conference for pastors in San Juan and the surrounding region.

*Pray that many people will believe and healthy churches will be planted in the villages of La Florida. Pray CMC would be faithful in sharing the gospel in their city. Pray for open doors and resources to continue to serve other churches in the DR. Pray that members will themselves become missionaries and take the gospel overseas.*

## FOCUS in UAE

FOCUS is a student ministry in the United Arab Emirates, and was formerly led by Mack Stiles. Nisin Mathew was one of the first students to come to Christ through this ministry and now serves as its Executive Director. MVBC partners with Nisin in his leadership of this strategic ministry.

*Pray that FOCUS will boldly proclaim Christ to university students. Pray that the Lord would save many students this school year and raise up new student leaders. Pray for the leadership team to pursue holiness, love for Christ, financial support, and for Nisin's leadership and teaching.*

## United Christian Church of Dubai (UCCD)

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

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

*Pray for UCCD's pastoral training influence in the region and the internship program. Pray for faithfulness and fruitfulness in ministry. Pray for opportunities to reach local Emirati people with the gospel. Pray for Bible teaching training for Arabic women in the region. Pray for the Folmar family as their adult children are in different parts of the world.*



## Central Asian and Middle Eastern Partnerships

MVBC partners with a number of families and individuals serving in the International Mission Board (IMB) in Central Asia and the Middle East.

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

*Pray this couple will be faithful and encouraged in their ministry, they would invest well in a small group of indigenous church planters from the Caucasus, they would quickly attain fluency in a new language, and that they would train missionaries from other countries to go to places inaccessible to Americans.*

- Michael and Ally are laboring in evangelism and pastoral training.

*Pray for Michael and Ally to persevere in language learning and ability to proclaim the gospel in the local language. Pray they would be hospitable. Pray the Lord would save many Muslims. Pray their church would be united and a compelling witness. Pray for more elders and their training of men preparing for pastoral ministry. Pray for their efforts in strengthening and encouraging other churches in their city and the region!*

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

*Pray for God to send a leader to strategically guide her team's ministry in the Arab Gulf region. Pray God would bring together the four known believers in their city of this people group to plant a church or join an international church. Pray for salvation of the women Melissa has been sharing the gospel with for six years. Praise God for bringing male leadership to join their team. Pray for their efforts to reach the men of their unreached people group.*

## East Asian Pastoral Training

MVBC is investing in the future ministry of Timothy, a brother from East Asia, by providing financial support while at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Timothy completed a pastoral internship in East Asia and is pursuing further equipping at seminary with the goal of returning to pastor in his homeland.

*Pray for God's grace as Timothy pursues a degree in his second language and that God would grow him in both knowledge and maturity.*



### Emmanuel Baptist Church (Nairobi, Kenya)

Ken Mbugwa is the lead pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church. The Lord has used this church to train many men from Kenya for pastoral ministry. A few men come on staff as pastoral assistants for a three-year period to observe a healthy church, serve in administrative functions, and take seminary classes. Afterward, they are sent to plant or revitalize churches in Kenya and neighboring countries.

*Pray for the current and future pastoral assistants. Pray for the men who have been sent to plant and revitalize churches. Pray also for the Lord's direction and provision for members seeking to be sent as missionaries.*

## Central Asia Church Plant

Andy and Rebecca moved two years ago to Central Asia where Andy serves as the lead pastor for a new international church plant.

*Pray for the church as they recently began meeting regularly. Pray the members would grow spiritually. Pray the Lord would bless the pastoral internship that begins January 2022 in cooperation with local indigenous churches. Pray the Lord would use members to begin a campus ministry on neighboring major universities.*



### 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 for their pastoral internship, which trains men to plant healthy, evangelical churches in Germany.

*Pray for their efforts to raise up a new generation of faithful pastors for Germany, specifically a number of individuals:*

- Mehrdad as he finishes training and seeking a ministry position to teach and train Persian speaking refugees in Germany.
- Lukas & Manuel (first-year interns) and Christian & Samuel (second-year interns).
- Jotham who joined FEG in June 2021 and is considering pastoring his home church, which is theologically different than him.

*Pray for FEG as they start a new church plant in a newly developed part of Munich. Pray for an ever-growing love for and joy in the Lord and for unity in their diverse congregation with people from 40+ nations. Pray for Matthias' love for and contentment in the Lord and for strength to steward responsibilities as husband, father, pastor, and leader of other regional and national ministries.*



The Ireland Family



The Philips Family

## 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 two RTIM staff:

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

*Pray for Ryan Robertson, the new President of RTIM, that God would raise up long-term workers to invest in theological training, and that Chad would have wisdom in how best to serve those under his care.*

- Chris Phillips serves as the Regional Director for Asia.

*Pray that Chris and his wife, Lisa, would grow in contentment in the Lord as they had to leave their ministry in East Asia after many years. Pray they would see fruit through regular evangelism where they live in the U.S. Pray borders would open soon so that Chris can visit RTIM workers and explore other potential places for he and Lisa to serve in the future.*



### 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 become lead pastor of this church in early 2021.

*Pray for Jesse, Delaine, and their children as they continue to transition to life and friendships in the UAE. Pray Immanuel will be a faithful gospel presence, conversions, God raising up elders in the church, favor with the government to provide a building, and that other believers would move to Fujairah to join the church and assist in the ministry. Pray for Jesse and Delaine to have wisdom in parenting and steward their time well.*

### 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 also provides digital access to Scripture. MVBC has supported this work since 2004.

*Praise the Lord that after many years of diligent work, the New Testament is now available in this particular dialect and there have been several thousand copies downloaded. Pray God will sustain this work so that the Old and New Testaments would be available in this dialect. Pray many will come to know Jesus through his Word.*



### Ras Al Khaimah Evangelical Church in UAE

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

Ras Al Khaimah Evangelical Church (RAK Church) in the UAE is pastored by Josh Manley and was planted in 2013. The church has a pastoral internship program training new young pastors from all different parts of the world.

*Pray for the Lord to guard and grow this church, to open doors for the gospel, to convert sinners, and to raise up more mature, faithful men for elders. Pray the Lord would continue to use its internship to take the gospel to many closed-access countries.*

# LOCAL & OTHER PARTNERSHIPS



## Atlanta Urban Ministry

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

*Pray for the Spirit to make the Selph's ministry fruitful in evangelism and discipleship. Pray that families in their neighborhoods would be receptive to the gospel and willing to host weekly Bible studies. Pray for salvation and growth of those they presently meet with in homes and at City of Refuge. Pray they would serve and build up the body as members of East Point Church.*

## The Gideons International

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

Founded in 1899, the Gideons International serves as a missionary arm of local churches to see the Word of God spread through Scripture distribution. The Gideons is the oldest association of Christian business and professional men in the United States. Members Anthony Blalock, Dennis Mosby, Joe Drexler, and Roy Payne 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 and distributing copies of Scripture.*



## Campus Outreach

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

Sara Beightol is a former MVBC member who became a Christian in college through the evangelistic ministry of Campus Outreach. She and her husband, Owen, serve on CO's staff at American University where they

evangelize, disciple, and lead Bible studies. Owen helps manage CO's efforts at several universities in the Washington D.C. area.

*Pray God would produce fruit in the students to whom they are ministering and grant Owen and Sarah wisdom as they parent.*



## 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 Georgia State Capitol. Ron leads Bible studies and shares the gospel with Georgia leaders and staff. He also serves as the chaplain for the State Senate.

*Pray Georgia's elected officials will love justice, make wise decisions, and that their hearts and lives will be transformed by God's Word.*

## Lifeline Children's Services

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

Lifeline aims to equip the bride of Christ, to manifest the gospel to and care for vulnerable children. It partners with and provides resources to churches and Christian families through adoption, foster care, orphan care, education, and counseling.

*Pray that vulnerable children and their families would hear, believe, and be transformed by the gospel. Pray that Lifeline would serve local churches well.*



## Wears Valley Ranch

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

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

*Pray each child becomes a follower of Jesus Christ, receives healing from his or her past, and is equipped for the future.*

## Sandy Springs Mission

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

Led by Executive Director Felix Lora, the Sandy Springs Mission (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 volunteers for this ministry, that these volunteers would regularly share the gospel, and that God would save children and their parents and lead them to join healthy churches.*

## Pregnancy and Women's Resource Centers

[supportatlantacare.com](http://supportatlantacare.com) | [humancoalition.org](http://humancoalition.org) | [cpsfriends.org](http://cpsfriends.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 their time in service to 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.*

## 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 for individuals and families who have the least access to healthcare and are at the highest risk of having serious health issues remain undiagnosed and untreated.

*Pray Good Sam will make the love of Christ clear and that God would provide many opportunities to share the gospel. Pray God would raise up MVBC members to serve in this ministry.*

# SERVING OTHER CHURCHES

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**9Marks**  
[9marks.org](http://9marks.org)

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

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

## Berea School of Ministry

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

Berea School of Ministry was founded in Atlanta in 1992 where young Hispanic men come to be trained in biblical doctrine. The school offers an Associate and Bachelor degree in Christian studies and several certificate programs taught by qualified instructors. Berea's undergraduate programs receive dual credit at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS), allowing students to pursue a Master's degree by continuing their studies at SEBTS.

*Pray that many young men would be equipped to become faithful church leaders and members through their education at Berea.*

## Feed My Sheep Conference

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

*Feed My Sheep* is an annual one-day conference for pastors and 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.*

## 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 both Feed My Sheep and GABN's efforts to serve pastors wives.

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

## Seminary Support

We regularly support church members pursuing formal pastoral and theological studies. 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 4-month, full-time pastoral internship. The goal is to assist men pursuing full-time pastoral ministry by equipping them to be faithful leaders, missionaries, and church members. We aim to help them develop a vision for local church and pastoral ministry.

*Pray for wisdom in selecting future interns, God's provision for those participating in the program, and that God would bless the investment MVBC makes in these interns.*

### Past Interns:

**Patrick Hearn** — currently a faithful member and Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Lawrenceville

**Jeffrey Timmons** — currently the Assistant Pastor/Missions at MVBC and a PhD student in Old Testament at Southern Seminary

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

**Ronnie Herrera (2019)** — currently an elder at Central Mennonite Church in San Juan, Dominican Republic

**Bill Barnes (2019)** — currently the Senior Pastor of Byron Baptist Church in Byron, GA

**Darius Tucker (2020)** — currently a Pastoral Assistant at MVBC

**Daniel Sanderson (2020)** — currently Operations & Facility Director at MVBC

# Connectionalism

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## **Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program**

[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 through the Cooperative Program (CP). The CP is a funding mechanism that supports the ministries of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board (GBMB) and the SBC. The GBMB is committed to helping Georgia Baptist churches train and equip leaders. The SBC is comprised of several entities: the International Mission Board, North American Mission Board, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, six seminaries, and an Executive Committee.

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

## **Greater Atlanta Baptist Network (GABN)**

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

The Greater Atlanta Baptist Network 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 Matt Dye, pastor of M28 church, as he leads GABN this year and that the pastors in the network will encourage one another in Christ. Pray for Aaron 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?

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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 regularly pray for specific opportunities to share the gospel.

Over the course of the year, we will hold several information and training sessions focused on opportunities to engage in international and local missions, so please keep an eye on church announcements to make sure 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 local authority over the missions vision and engagement in the Great Commission.

In addition to the partnerships listed in this booklet, MVBC members are at work in other ministries, both international and local. If you would like to know more about ways you can personally partner with any of these ministries, please contact an elder.

# Missions Structure



# 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. Encourage the work of believers and churches overseas
2. Realize God's work is global
3. See spiritual darkness
4. Experience humility
5. Be part of a long-term work
6. Make global missions part of your daily life
7. Test your own aspiration and qualification

## Short-term Trips in 2022:\*

### Dominican Republic | March 2-7, 2022

The team will support and encourage our partner church of Central Mennonite by spending a few days partnering with church members to share the gospel in the unreached villages of La Florida, and by assisting with a pastors' conference hosted by Central Mennonite.

### Dominican Republic | July 18-25, 2022

The team will support and encourage our partner church of Central Mennonite by spending several days partnering with church members to share the gospel in the unreached villages of La Florida.

\*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all trips are tentative and will depend on health and travel advisories.

If you are interested in participating, here are the steps to follow:

### 1 Pray

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

### 2 Seek Counsel

Seek counsel from brothers and sisters, teachers and elders about potentially taking a trip.

### 3 Understand

Understand that every member of a short-term missions team is a representative of Jesus Christ and of this local body of Christ, MVBC. All team members must be faithfully and regularly involved in the life of the church.

### 4 Apply

Contact any elder for more information and for an application. All applications must be approved by the elders.

### 5 Train

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

### 6 Go

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



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