



# PARTNER

Prayer Guide

# WHY THIS PRAYER GUIDE

Welcome to the Mission at IBC Partner Prayer Guide! This book is intended for you to use to engage with our many Local and Global Mission Partners through prayer.

We have partnerships with many organizations and people locally and globally. Our twelve Global Partners and nine missionaries are scattered from Haiti to Honduras, Romania to the Philippines helping share the hope of Christ in our world. Our nine Local Partners work across the DFW area providing shelter, food, clothing and more, allowing us to care for our neighbors, have an impact in our community, and share the hope of Christ in a tangible way.

Our dream is that this guide would help you connect with each of these partners in a deeper way. We want the IBC body to be praying for their work, for their health, their ministry, their families, and all those they come in contact with them, so that the hope of Christ may be known by all people.



# **LOCAL PARTNERS**



## Crisis Ministries

Crisis Ministries (formerly BBMOI) is a cooperative organization in downtown Irving based on the Biblical principal of Matthew 25:35. It is meeting the needs of those who are in a temporary crisis situation and need food and/or spiritual guidance. The center is a volunteer effort maintaining food resources, spiritual counseling, and providing referrals to other appropriate agencies, direct job referrals, and assists the homeless in finding homes and obtaining benefits.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › Pray that as individuals and as an organization we would always be led by the Spirit, bringing glory only to God.
- › Volunteers would be plentiful including someone to manage communications, public relations, and grant writing.
- › That we would be patient and understand God's will for a new building, additional space, or remodeling of our existing facility or a hybrid of these options.

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# Family Promise of Irving

Without a family shelter in Irving, the needs of homeless families with children are great. FPI, a faith-based nonprofit ministry, stepped in to fill this gap. Their day center allows for showers, laundry, job searches, and a place of stability. They partner with Irving churches to provide overnight stays, meals, and transportation. Family Promise and their host churches meet the needs of families in transition.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- › For at least three new host churches and five buddy churches by the end of the year.
- › That we will find resources for affordable housing for families in Irving.
- › That we will be able to help families connect to mental health professionals in a manner that respects their dignity while communicating the benefit of counseling during this time of crisis.

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## The Gatehouse

The Gatehouse is a supportive living community for women and their children in crisis. Their 60 acre campus offers a Chapel, Community Center, Keeps Boutique, Counseling Center, and playgrounds for the kids. Their clients receive safe refuge, ample time, counseling, and practical resources to build healthy relationships in order to discover new paths for permanent change.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- › Please pray for victorious living for the staff, volunteers, and members of The Gatehouse.
- › For a Christian Child Care for The Gatehouse (and local community).
- › For lawyers to step into the gap for our women and children.

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# Great Days of Service

Great Days of Service provides an opportunity for the church and all other sectors of the city of Irving to serve our community through housing rehabilitation projects. The yearly April event gives opportunity for cleaning up yards, mowing, edging and tree trimming, painting, construction, and even providing sack lunches for the crew. There is always a need for skilled electrical, masonry, plumbing, and HVAC labor. GDS looks for donations of supplies and food as well as financial support and volunteers.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- › Please pray for the safety of all our workers.
- › For this to be a blessing to both those who give and those who receive help.
- › For the love of Christ to shine through each volunteer and that the recipients would be drawn closer to his love and grace.

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## Laundry Love Project of Irving

Laundry Love Project of Irving is a ministry of IBC designed to build relationships with the parents and neighbors of our kids at Sam Houston Middle School and Townsell Elementary. LLP supports a very diverse clientele with laundry assistance, prayer for those who want it, breakfast, mending and a kids area with crafts and music. They meet monthly at Amigo Laundromat with prayer starting at 8:45 a.m.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › That our ministry can get past cultural walls so that we will have opportunities to share the gospel.
- › That we are able to reach parents through the kids club here.
- › That our relationships with our patrons are deep enough that they feel free to share their needs so we can come alongside to help if possible.

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Mercy House

## Mercy House Ministries

Mercy House Ministries was founded for the purpose of aiding single pregnant women who need support. Their home is a place of safety and peace where each woman can focus on her emotional and spiritual growth and development. Mercy House empowers single, pregnant women with hope and help so that no woman will feel compelled to have an abortion due to lack of support. They provide counseling, parenting skills, caregiving skills, and a nurturing environment in which to bring their baby to term.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › That God will direct the steps of the women he desires to be in our

program. That we will effectively reach out and find the women who need our help.

- › Pray for our house pastors and staff to have wisdom and grace as we work with each unique woman with unique needs. Pray we will create a network of resources effective for each woman's needs.
- › Pray for provision. Adequate finances and continued support from donors is a constant process of reaching out, strengthening and enduring in relationship.

### CONTACT / INFO / UPDATES

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## Mercy Street

Mercy Street is a holistic ministry to the students and families of West Dallas. Their desire for a thriving, stable neighborhood began with partnering with the schools to usher in a mentoring program, and increased its reach to The Field of Dreams sports teams, where young athletes learn about fair play and healthy competition through soccer, baseball, and football. The Leadership Institute at Mercy Street develops proven leaders into Christian men and women who can serve and then sustain their community. Mercy Street “moved into the neighborhood” and became of part of the community they serve.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

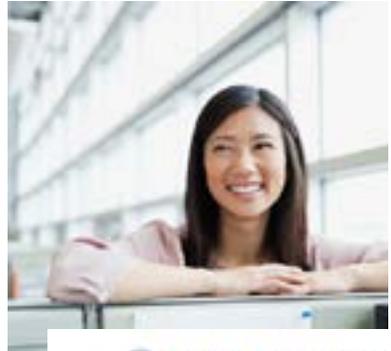
- › That the students and families that we are partnered with would come to know God as their Lord and Savior and hunger for him more and more.
- › Pray for staff as we engage in the relationships with mentors, mentees, surrounding schools, and families in the West Dallas community.
- › Recruitment of more mentors for our students waiting to be matched.

### CONTACT / INFO / UPDATES

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## New Friends New Life

New Friends New Life is a faith-based holistic ministry to women and their children who have experienced sexual exploitation. They restore and empower them through providing access to education, job training, interim financial assistance, mental health, and spiritual support. They also work tirelessly within our legal system to change laws, as well as educate others on the damage being caused by an oversexualized society. NFNL helps women and their children overcome backgrounds of abuse, addiction, poverty, and limited opportunities.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › Ending demand
- › Health and welfare of staff
- › Restoration and empowerment of women and girls we serve

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## SchoolWorks

SchoolWorks is a coalition of churches striving to make a lasting difference in our local community by dedicating ourselves to serving children, teachers, and families of local schools and meeting their needs in real, practical ways. On a weekly basis, we offer Reading Buddies at the elementary level to read one-on-one with a student to help build the student's self-confidence and give them a new appreciation for reading. At the middle school level, we provide Lunch Buddies to students who are in need of a positive adult influence in their life. This continues to the high school level where we provide Mentors who meet regularly with at-risk students, serving as a support in the issues and pressures they face.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › Volunteers – We are always looking for men and women to join us as Reading or Lunch Buddies or as a Mentor.
- › Other church involvement – We want this ministry to increase city-wide. Please pray other churches will join us on the mission of changing lives in the school setting.
- › Students - Each week we meet with lots of students – please pray for them to feel supported and encouraged as they meet weekly with their buddies.

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## SeniorCare

SeniorCare is an IBC ministry to senior shut-ins at MacArthur Hills, The Villages, and Ashford Hall in Irving. This group of regular volunteers makes individual visits to provide company and companionship to these who rarely have visitors and are always in need of friendship. There are opportunities to bring your love and your talents to these retirement homes.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › That all of those we serve would see and experience the love of Jesus through our volunteers
- › That many more would come and serve with us. There are so many who are lonely.
- › That the spiritual and relational needs of the seniors would be met.

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SENIORCARE at IBC



## The Main Place

The Main Place is a boutique without a cash register. Founded by IBCer Sharon Johnston to serve the clothing needs of homeless teens in Irving who were trying to stay in school, Sharon realized this was one obstacle to graduation she could remove. She and a group of her friends rallied together to collect, age-appropriate and trendy clothing. The city gave them space on Main Street in Irving when their inventory became too large to house. They now have relationships with manufacturers who donate clothing, shoes, accessories, and foundation garments and, working together with IISD, they clothe both the teens and their homeless families.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › For everyone who comes into The Main Place to see God's love through us.
- › For boldness to tell the truth of the Gospel.
- › For everyone who works at The Main Place to glorify God in everything we do: embracing sacrificial service as a way of life.

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# GLOBAL PARTNERS



## **African Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries (ALARM)**

**EIGHT COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT AFRICA • IBC PARTNER SINCE 2000**

ALARM develops servant leaders, we reconcile relationships and transform communities. ALARM works in eight different countries, and many of the countries we serve in have had years of war, tribal conflict, genocide and political turmoil. ALARM believes that the transformation and development of Africa rests in the hands of Africans who have been effectively equipped to lead, bring about peace, and maintain stability.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- › For peace in Burundi, DR Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda.
- › The staff of ALARM in the US and each of the countries listed above. Health, safety and wisdom for each staff member and their family.
- › Specifically for the DR Congo staff. Pray for Marie Jean, Theophile and Moses as they daily serve those in need in their community.

### **CONTACT / INFO / UPDATES**

[alarm-inc.org](http://alarm-inc.org)

[alarm-inc.org/get\\_involved/newsletter\\_subscription](http://alarm-inc.org/get_involved/newsletter_subscription)

[alarm-inc.org/get\\_involved/prayer\\_partners](http://alarm-inc.org/get_involved/prayer_partners)

# Harvest Metanoia Arad

**Cristian and Anne Barbosu**

**Fiona, Tara, and Eden**

**ARAD, ROMANIA • IBC PARTNER SINCE 1999**

Harvest Metanoia Arad exists with the goal to glorify God to make disciples throughout Romania. Our process of making disciples is very well defined, measurable, evaluated constantly and our accountability reaches every member of our church. In our region there is no other ministry who takes the truth of Scripture and makes it more personal and applicable as we do.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- › For Harvest Metanoia Arad's construction project as they build their new church.
- › For the new training center for church planters and leaders so the gospel can continue to impact the country of Romania.
- › For Fiona, Tara and Eden as they grow in their education and their faith. Pray for Anne as she completes her Masters of Biblical Counseling courses.
- › For Cristian's health, as he travels a lot to teach and preach.

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## **Peter & Tatiana Mitskevich**

**Elijah, Paul, Mary, Timothy and Elizabeth**

**MOSCOW, RUSSIA • IBC PARTNER SINCE 1997**

Peter Mitskevich leads Golgotha church in Moscow, has a radio station, and is the President of Moscow Theological Seminary. They are starting a church-planting and evangelism center at the seminary. Peter works with the leaders of leaders in Moscow as they share the good news of the gospel throughout Russia.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- › For the Spiritual Power – to be filled by the Holy Spirit, and lead by the Lord’s will, and to have wisdom and protection on the field.
- › For the Russian friends, who can support the ministry in Russia
- › For the Elizabeth (Lisa), 8 years old, to accept Jesus Christ as personal Savior.

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## Hosean International Ministries

Caleb and Debbie Lucien • Charissa and Lydia

PIGNON, HAITI • IBC PARTNER SINCE 1992

Empowering Haitians with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Education, Life Skills Training and Economic Growth. Hosean runs a school with almost 2000 students and 400 sponsored children. Hosean also works in the community to provide life skills training so they can help provide mental, spiritual and social resources. HIM Haiti is dedicated to creating jobs, teaching job skills, training leaders, empowering people, and encouraging the entrepreneurial spirit.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › For the political stability of Haiti and for just and peaceful government leaders.
- › For the Lucien family as their daughters are both attending college. Pray for God's guidance and provision as they continue their students and start new careers.
- › For increased financial partners to help Hosean Ministries meet monthly financial commitments such as College de la Grace costs, teacher salaries, Layton Stamper children's home, and community development.

### CONTACT / INFO / UPDATES

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

Visit [hosean.org/newsletter](http://hosean.org/newsletter) to sign up for email updates.



## Kutch Ministry

AFRICA AND EAST ASIA • IBC PARTNER SINCE 1999

Unreached People Group (UPG) = < 3% Christian. IBC's UPG focus is the Kutchi (South Asia, East Africa, Diaspora). We work with the Kutchi Development Project team (indigenous leaders from various like-minded organizations) to spread God's Shalom among the Kutchi through humanitarian aid, education (student sponsorships), sharing the Good News and equipping/training leaders with a biblical worldview.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › Kutchi Development Project Team: unity and fruitful results as they work together
- › Open eyes, hearts and minds as many Kutchi read, hear and see God's Word for the first time (IBC funded: New Testament translation into Kutchi language in written and audio formats, films that share biblical truths through storytelling, children's literature and indigenous worship music).
- › Many Kutchi will move from darkness into light fully experiencing God's peace, grace, and salvation

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*Note: Add "Kutch" to the subject line.*

# LEADLiberia

**Kokeh and Nancy Kotee • Brenda, Temmon, and Necia**

**MONROVIA, LIBERIA • IBC PARTNER SINCE 2001**

LEADLiberia has been creating networks of rural pastors and equipping them through theological training as well as developing servant leaders. LEADLiberia purchased Seed Farm in 2013 which is a 125 acre farm that will be used to teach sustainable farming techniques, provide agricultural resources to rural farms, and be the future training ground for pastoral training.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- › For encouragement, strength and health for Kokeh and Nancy as they lead this ministry.
- › For the development of SEED Farm, specifically the drilling of a water well, and the completion of a farm-house to lodge pastors.
- › For committed pastoral servant leaders in Liberia and sustainable programs that can help meet the needs of their family as they serve their local community.

## CONTACT / INFO / UPDATES

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Sign up for email and prayer lists by visiting [facebook.com/LEADLiberia/](https://facebook.com/LEADLiberia/) or email kokeh at [seedfarms49@gmail.com](mailto:seedfarms49@gmail.com).



## My Refuge House

CEBU, PHILIPPINES • IBC PARTNER SINCE 2011

My Refuge House is a non-profit organization that restores survivors of commercial sexual exploitation and abuse. Our home, located in Cebu, Philippines, provides holistic care intended to support trafficking survivors educationally, spiritually, physically, emotionally, and mentally as they stand on their own again. There are currently 18 girls that are living and healing at My Refuge House and more will move in throughout the year.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › That God will expand the work of My Refuge House by bringing more girls more girls to the home to experience God's restoration and to continue to bring community awareness about human trafficking.
- › For each of the girls that are in college and transitioning back to life outside of the home. Pray that they will excel at their studies and break the cycle of poverty and abuse.
- › That the staff will have love, grace, strength, and wisdom as they work with these young survivors.

### CONTACT / INFO / UPDATES

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

Visit [myrefugehouse.org/get-involved](http://myrefugehouse.org/get-involved) or email Kim at [kim@myrefugehouse.org](mailto:kim@myrefugehouse.org) to sign up for email and prayer lists.

# Radio South Sudan

**SOUTH SUDAN • IBC PARTNER SINCE 2014**

To build radio stations in South Sudan, covering every inch by broadcasting the Gospel. IBCer Mike Gwartney has procuring portable radio stations and setting them up alongside churches to allow them to impact and transform their local communities. The stations feature conversations about conflict resolution, mediation, forgiveness, and reconciliation, information related to health services and the new programs of the local governments as well as broadcasting sermons and praise and worship music. By building a system for South Sudanese media, we are helping to build a unified South Sudan.



## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- › For Peace the people of South Sudan as they are struggling with a food shortage and inflation rate of 13% which has made food expensive.
- › The Radio Stations in Yei, Kajo-Keji, and Rumbek South Sudan as we bring the Gospel and teach about discipleship and leadership; and that the station in Rumbek can be fixed.
- › For the studios to be installed and that there would be programming that could change lives.

## **CONTACT / INFO / UPDATES**

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## **SEEK Partners International, Inc.**

**Dr Sukhwant and Vinita Bhatia**

**Priyanka and Akanksha**

**NORTHWEST INDIA (HUB: CHANDIGARH)**

**IBC PARTNER SINCE 2006**

Reaching, equipping, and commissioning individuals to serve the church of our Lord Jesus Christ in northwest India so that the Kingdom of God is expanded. NIITS is the first and only theological institution in northwest India

to offer accredited degrees. They focus all their resources to northwest India to educate, train, and equip the future leaders of the Indian Church. SEEK translated the Bible from the original biblical languages to Hindi and Punjabi languages to publish a study Bible which is the first of its kind.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- › We will appreciate your prayers as we expand the ministry in India and also adjust to working from the head-office in Texas for a few years.
- › In midst of numerous ministry responsibilities, we will not fail to be mentors to our two daughters, Priyanka who is at Baylor University this year and Akanksha Who is in the 9th grade at Prestonwood Christian Academy, in the ways of the Lord and grounding in the Bible.
- › The Lord will continue to use us as salt and light among the people we come in contact with daily. The Lord has given us a new mandate to expand the ministry and has put more in our laps as a result of our faithfulness with what we had before. May we be found faithful until the end of our days.

### **CONTACT / INFO / UPDATES**

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# Targeted Aquaponic Growth

NICARAGUA & MADAGASCAR • IBC PARTNER SINCE 2015

To equip and educate orphanages and schools in Aquaponic technology, providing a sustainable solution to meet their need for food security. We work alongside of existing Christian organizations to ensure that the children at the organization has a variety of food including protein, reduce ministry expenses by farming their own food, and provide a hands on educational experience in aquaponic farming.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- › For Damon and Andy as they set up TAG's first aquaponics system in Nicaragua.
- › For Alas De Dios (Wings of God) in Nicaragua as they provide medical and surgical outreach as well as educate students at Children of Destiney Orphanage.
- › For TAG as they continue to grow and expand as an organization to help feed more children around the world.

## CONTACT / INFO / UPDATES

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## Waster is Basic

**SOUTH SUDAN • IBC PARTNER SINCE 2006**

Water is Basic aims to put clean, safe water within reasonable access for every person in South Sudan. We are a manifestation of the vision of the Evangelical church in South Sudan. Water is Basic is a local vision, locally led and managed by Christ followers. All decisions are made locally.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- › For peace South Sudan. Pray for a stability in the government.
- › For the South Sudanese food shortage. Pray for all those who are hungry.
- › For the WIB staff in South Sudan. Pray that they will not grow weary as they work hard to bring much needed water to their country.

### **CONTACT / INFO / UPDATES**

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Visit [waterisbasic.org](http://waterisbasic.org) and click on “subscribe to newsletter” to get updates.

# Workers Together With God

Jim and Linda Tjelmeland

COMAYAGUA, HONDURAS • IBC PARTNER SINCE 2014

Workers Together With God (Colaboradores con Dios) runs a hospital and a school as well as a church to serve the needs of the community of Comayagua, Honduras. The clinic sees 50 – 70 people a day and provides much needed medical care at lower costs than the local hospitals. Every area of their ministry is self-sustaining and locally led.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- › For the Colaboradores Con Dios clinic that God will bless each department with growth and development: Out-patient, In-patient including labor and delivery, surgery, and medical, Patient teaching, Home Visitation, Chronic Patient Out-reach Groups, and Dental Services.
- › That Pequeños Gigantes children school will have an atmosphere of love and caring where the children can grow, learning spiritual truths, while also prospering in their secular studies.
- › For Jim and Linda to have wisdom and clear direction as they lead and expand this ministry.

## CONTACT / INFO / UPDATES

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## Amber and Brady Black

BEIRUT, LEBANON • IBC PARTNER SINCE 2009

Amber and Brady serve at Home of Hope in Beirut Lebanon, which serves abused, abandoned, and orphaned children. Amber and Brady have served in multiple locations abroad and they moved to Beirut in 2014 to start the educational program at Home of Hope.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › For the Spirit to move in the home, for Jesus to bring these kids to himself and for more people to come alongside Brady and Amber to love and care for these kids.
- › For the education program at Home of Hope. Pray for resources and wisdom as they expand the program.
- › That they will continue to find their strength and rest in the Lord as they serve.

### CONTACT / INFO / UPDATES

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

[facebook.com/homeofhopelebanon](https://facebook.com/homeofhopelebanon)

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## Dave and Gloria Furman

MIDDLE EAST • IBC PARTNER SINCE 2007

Currently, Dave pastors Redeemer Church where they have over 1,000 people from 60+ different nationalities involved. The Furmans have started a pastoral training center with the hope of planting dozens of churches among least-reached peoples. Their focus is to build healthy churches in the 10/40 window. Doing this through the training of indigenous leaders in multiple languages including: Arabic, Farsi, English, Hindi, Urdu, and Tagalog. May God's glory spread among all tribes, tongues, peoples, and nations for his glory!

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › For a steady flow of conversions, specifically from the unreached people groups. And for the training of these believers to lead movements of the gospel in the 10/40 window.
- › For new church plants we're working on in three cities in the Middle East this year (including one in Beirut, Lebanon).
- › For our family—that we would treasure Jesus above all else and that our young children would grow up to know and love Jesus with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

### CONTACT / INFO / UPDATES

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# Bonnie

ASIA • IBC PARTNER SINCE 2013

Bonnie works with Cru as they enter into subcultures within the college campus to create a passionate community seeking for everyone to know someone who truly follows Christ. They work to share the good news, create disciples, and send out Christ followers to their spheres of influence among the thousands of college campuses in East Asia.

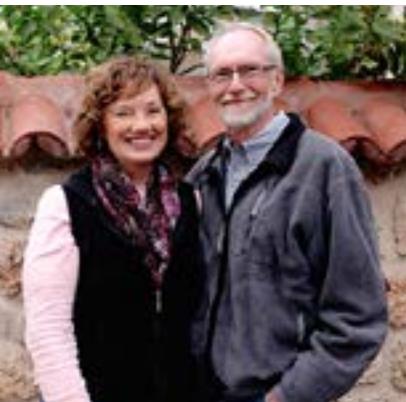
## PRAYER REQUESTS

- › For the hearts and minds of college students in East Asia, that they will not be taken in by the temporary joys of the world, but instead be transformed by Christ.
- › For our teams both American and national teams, that they will have renewed vision and strength to serve this semester.
- › For me as I prepare for summer groups to come in-wisdom in delegating roles and in communication with our State-side partners.



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## John and Becky

CENTRAL ASIA • IBC PARTNER SINCE 2014

John and Becky have the privilege of helping Christian cross-cultural workers continue their call to Central Asia by providing professional Christian counseling when they are dealing with tough issues, like loss/grief, burn-out, parenting issues, depression, team challenges, marital problems, or have experienced a trauma.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › That we would daily grow closer to our Lord.
- › For discernment, grace, and healing outcomes as we counsel hurting, tired, or discouraged workers.
- › For wisdom as we lead a team of Christian counselors.
- › That our adult son could use the current difficult situation to tenaciously grow in faith and maturity and trust in the Lord.

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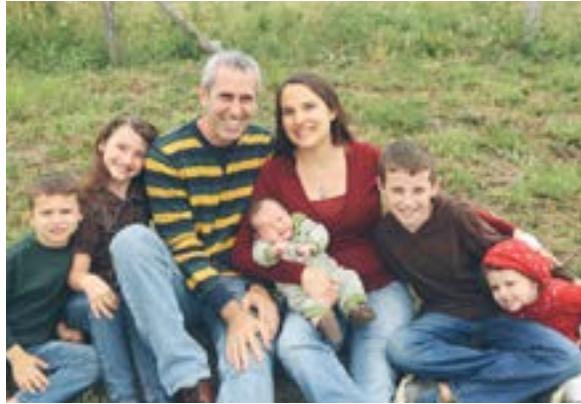
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## Mark and Michelle Fittz

Micah, Arianna, Malachi, Brielle and Azariah

HONDURAS • IBC PARTNER SINCE 2002

Mark and Michelle serve in Honduras with their five children. After becoming an architect, Mark felt called to use his gifts to serve the poor in Honduras. Through working with numerous churches, God birthed the idea of HOPE Coffee to help churches transform their communities with the Gospel through meeting tangible needs of water and shelter. Every aspect of ministry is initiated and carried out through Honduran leaders in each community, allowing them to make decisions and lead their communities toward a unified vision.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › For continued wisdom as we determine Malachi's allergies and adjust our lifestyle accordingly.
- › For our planning and transition to the USA for our year long furlough starting in August.
- › For the continued strengthening of the ministries we will leave for the year, HOPE Coffee Honduras and Melodies of Hope.

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## Bob and Judy Kay

SANTIAGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

IBC PARTNER SINCE 1984

Bob and Judy's passion is mentoring — mentoring both Dominicans and Haitians in how to study and apply God's Word so that they can bring God's love to life in Santiago, Dominican Republic. Working with the Central Bible Church, they come

alongside local pastors and help them train their leaders in a life-changing study of God's Word. We want to see churches reproducing themselves locally and developing a global vision.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › We are teaching a small group Bible study with Dominicans in Spanish on the book of Galatians. Started in February 2016, this intensive verse-by-verse study will last for two years.
- › We are teaching a leadership course to both Haitian and Dominican youth. Ask God to use these principles to enable the youth to overcome difficulties in their lives.
- › We are investigating how we can link with International Justice Mission, a ministry combating human trafficking. Ask God to encourage our local Bible churches to take this ministry to heart.

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# John and Rebecca

**Sadie**

**SOUTH ASIA • IBC PARTNER SINCE 2008**

John and Rebecca are working to establish a team to initiate a church-planting movement among the K\*-speaking people, IBC's strategic unreached people group in South Asia. The K\* people have had very little exposure to the Gospel until recently. As a foreign businessman, John and Rebecca have access to middle and upper-class K\* people that typically don't associate with believers from other parts of their country due to ethnic and class barriers.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- › Pray for John to be granted a Business Visa to return to the country of the K\* people.
- › Pray for a church planting movement to start among IBC's unreached people group in Asia.
- › Pray for more long term workers to move to this unreached people group to share the good news about Jesus in a way they can understand.

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Email [mission@irvingbible.org](mailto:mission@irvingbible.org) and ask to be signed for John and Rebecca's prayer letter.



## Mark and Susie Mercer

NAIROBI, KENYA • IBC PARTNER SINCE 1991

Mark teaches Biblical studies at Africa International University, a Christian university, from the bachelor's level up to Ph.D, specializing in Old Testament. Susie mentors women, leads a women's Bible study, and teaches English to international students.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › That we will have stamina and excellence in our teaching for the remaining years that we have to minister at AIU.
- › That God will supply for the needs of the school, both financially and in their leadership.
- › That our upcoming home assignment will be restorative and fruitful.

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Email [mercero@worldventure.net](mailto:mercero@worldventure.net) and ask to be on their prayer list.

## David and Jeannie Morse

**KENYA • IBC PARTNER SINCE 1990**

David and Jeannie work with an unreached people group that live in both Kenya and India. They also train Kenyan and Indian Christians how to share the Good News with unbelievers resistant to the message. They are presently in the USA training and motivating Christians to share Jesus with Muslims. While in the USA they are committed to help their 20 year old son find his way in life.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- › That God will bring thousands of their people group to faith in Jesus.
- › That Christians will catch the vision of sharing Jesus with Muslims.
- › Their son will follow the Lord and make good decisions.

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## Jason and Mandy Post

GALWAY, IRELAND

IBC PARTNER SINCE 2001 — 2007 & 2013 — PRESENT

The Posts are working to raise up followers of Jesus who say yes to him no matter what. They do that by sharing the good news that Jesus invites people to follow him, help in a local church, and teach others how to call their own friends and neighbors to follow Jesus.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- › Please pray for our family that we would be strong in the Lord, full of joy, and encouraged in what can be a difficult and discouraging work.
- › For God to raise up new church planters among the Irish in order that a movement of new churches might begin.
- › For an openness to the Gospel in our town, Galway, and across the country of Ireland.

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