



## Ryan Melson

WEST BANK BAPTIST CHURCH

### About the Family

My wife, Michelle, and I have been married for 22 years and moved to the Marrero community of greater New Orleans in July 2014. We have two children, Erin (17) who is attending Boyce College in Louisville, Ky., and Walker (14). I am also currently serving as the GenSend City coach for the North American Mission Board's Send Relief summer program.

### About My Church Plant

West Bank Baptist Church is a multicultural, multiplying church planted in one of the most difficult contexts of greater New Orleans. With only three Southern Baptist churches in a community of more than 38,000 people, we work to present the gospel against the backdrop of cultural Catholicism and the heretical prosperity gospel that pervades our area. We began as a home Bible study in September 2014 and have since moved to Miller Wall Elementary School where we are seeking to reach people from all walks of life in a very tough context. God has also graciously opened doors to our Muslim neighbors with whom we have the privilege of sharing the gospel every Friday at the local mosque and in door-to-door evangelism.

Find out how you can  
**Pray.**  
**Participate.**  
**Provide.**

**PRAY.**

For our family as we balance personal time with a growing church. For those who have trusted Christ to grow in their faith and for our men to mature into leadership roles within the church.

For divine appointments to share the gospel daily and for God to open the eyes of the spiritually blind.

For families to move to Marrero to assist us in the work of planting the church.

**PARTICIPATE.**

For more information on how to pray, participate and provide for the work in greater New Orleans, visit our website at [wearewestbank.com](http://wearewestbank.com).

**PROVIDE.**

Many missionaries build a team to join their ministry in prayer, participation, and provision. These friends, family and churches support missionaries beyond the tithes and offerings given within the church plant. Visit [sendnetwork.com/PlanterFunding](http://sendnetwork.com/PlanterFunding) for NAMB's policy on providing for church plants.