

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018



**Scott & Joyce Pittman/
Highland Baptist Church
Brazil**

Every single week, Pastor Fabio in Brazil makes it into the prayers of a few hundred people in Kentucky. Chris Platt, pastor of Highland Baptist Church in Shelbyville, says that's because they've met Fabio—and that in turn has made missions personal. Ever since Chris's church partnered with the work of IMB missionaries Scott and Joyce Pittman in São Paulo, Brazil, several years ago, the needs there have had faces and names. As the people of Highland Baptist have traveled annually to carry out outreach in the city of 22 million, it's made them see their part in the "whole ball of wax" that is the Great Commission, Chris said. Highland Baptist is "no superstar missions church," Chris said, but the annual trips have bolstered the Pittmans' work and made the church see that it is "one piece of the puzzle."

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018



**Chaouki and Maha Boulos
Beirut, Lebanon**

Chaouki and Maha are CBF field personnel ministering in Lebanon and the Middle East through evangelism, leadership training and refugee aid. Their multi-faceted ministry features numerous initiatives and programs including: Refugee assistance; church planting; orphanage support; "Celebrate Jesus" rallies; creating a Christian conference center to host large retreats, seminars, meetings and training programs; and providing Christian family relief.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018



**Johnson Ferry Baptist Church
Refugee Ministry**

The world has more refugees today than ever before in recorded history. They're on the move across dangerous seas. They're trekking on foot over mountain ranges. They're trying to create a life for themselves in a new country with nothing but the clothes on their back. And in the midst of their heart-breaking story, many refugees have walked right into the eternal hope that was waiting for them all along. IMB workers all over the globe say they are seeing refugees come to faith in Christ in the ashes of their tragedy. It's an unprecedented opportunity for the gospel to reach people from hard-to-reach countries. Pastor Bryant Wright said he and his church, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, Georgia, have invested heavily in refugee ministry both at home and overseas. There in the Atlanta area, members of Johnson Ferry Baptist are walking alongside Syrian Muslim families who are trying to rebuild a life. They have also partnered with IMB workers overseas who are serving as a consistent presence in refugee centers and camps in Europe, Africa, and Asia.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018



**Jenny Jenkins
Grand Goave, Haiti**

Jenny is a CBF field personnel serving through medical and relational ministries in Grand Goave, Haiti. Many of the 125,000 people of Grand Goave are farmers, tradesmen, small business owners and educators. 90% of the population lives in the mountains and countryside with limited access to medical care and other services including electricity. A lack of literacy, education and business skills plagues the community and there is overwhelming need. Jenny partners with local churches and individuals, and her work in Grand Goave centers on developing relationships in the community through medical, educational and outreach ministries.



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018



**Larry Pepper & Family
Tanzania, Africa**

Larry Pepper was on a trajectory. He was a NASA flight surgeon who was good at his job, active in his church, involved as a dad—and possibly headed for space. It wouldn't be long before he ended up as a candidate finalist for a space mission. But God interrupted his plans. As Larry thought more and more about his life and its eternal significance, he felt God saying, "You've committed everything to me except your job." It soon became evident God was drawing him to walk away. So more than two decades ago, he, his wife, Sally, and their three children packed up and moved to Africa—first to Uganda, then Lesotho and Tanzania. Over the years, the Peppers have spent countless hours at the bedside of the hurting, leading them to lasting hope in Christ.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018



**Eddie & Macarena Aldape
Albacete, Spain**

Eddie and Macarena Aldape are CBF field personnel ministering to immigrants and students in Albacete, Spain. After serving 13 years in India among the Banjara, the Aldapes arrived in Spain in 2015 where they are launching Centro de Esperanza (The Hope Center) to assist immigrants through the registration processes, language acquisition, culture simulation and directing them to local organizations that can meet their immediate needs. Students in Spain often have a gloomy future living in a country experiencing a severe financial crisis with an unemployment rate of 45% among undergraduates. Many students in Spain are also disillusioned in matters of faith. The Aldapes teach English as a Second Language classes, which provides opportunities to share faith, offer encouragement and provide support to these students.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018



**Daniel Tuche/ Edwin Feather*
Southeast Asia**

Four years ago when IMB worker Edwin Feather* set out to reach a large city in Southeast Asia, Daniel Tuche was there. Daniel's team wasn't just the first Hispanic missions team to partner with Edwin in that city; it was the first team, period. And Daniel, who serves as pastor of Iglesia Bautista El Shaddai in Jackson, Tennessee, wouldn't have it any other way. "He has a real burden for Asia," said Jason Carlisle, the IMB's director of Hispanic mobilization. "He's very good at mobilizing other pastors and giving them a vision." Daniel started encouraging more Hispanic pastors to go too—he's taken pastors from several states with him over the years. They have seen God do amazing things. In the city where Edwin lives, more than 200 people have professed faith and churches have been planted. "God is wonderful, and we are thankful for what He has done."

*Name changed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018



**Jane Angel
Antwerp, Belgium**

Jane Angel is a CBF field personnel living and serving in Antwerp, Belgium, working particularly among the Arabic speaking community, which is ever growing in the midst of the world refugee crisis. Jane and her husband, Hary, live in a Moroccan neighborhood and primarily minister with those who come from the Middle East. Jane and her family moved to Antwerp in a church planting effort to establish the first evangelical Arabic church outside the Brussels area. Today, the church holds weekly services and Bible studies, has a music ministry and children's program, and Jane hosts women's events and a prayer group. Hary and Jane often walk the streets of Antwerp in evangelism efforts and have worked to unify the three evangelical Arabic churches in Belgium.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018



**Russell Woodbridge/
The Summit Church
Ukraine**

In the Ukraine, IMB missionary Russell Woodbridge is helping Ukrainian believers learn how to plant churches. Partnering with The Summit Church in the Raleigh/Durham NC area and the church's pastor, J. D. Greear, they have an amazing opportunity to offer hope to people from eastern Ukraine who lost everything when they fled the war there in recent years. They've seen people baptized and churches started. "It takes all of us working together to reach the nations for Christ," Russell said. And his home church is excited to be a part of that. Partnering together "provides opportunities that maybe you couldn't do if you were by yourself," J.D. explained. It helps us engage in ways that are meaningful and not just a flash in the pan."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018



**Jonathan and Tina Bailey
Bali, Indonesia**

Jonathan and Tina Bailey are CBF field personnel serving in Bali, Indonesia with emphasis on spiritual expression through music, dance, and visual arts both inside and outside the local Christian community. The majority of Bali's population practices a unique branch of Hinduism, but many religions and cultures are represented on this island. Tina also teaches in prison arts program for inmates in Bali's high security prison, mentoring prisoners in art-making and forming relationships with inmates. She works to develop artistic technique as well as life-skills to assist them as they re-integrate into society after they are released. She also consults for other prisons that are also interested in developing similar programs.