

HOPE OF GLORY

HBC Blue Springs Missions Update Newsletter



Alan Shelby

LEAD PASTOR

There is a tide in the affairs of men
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.
On such a full sea are we now afloat;
And we must take the current when it serves,
Or lose our ventures.

William Shakespear, *Julius Caesar*

- * In Zambia we saw what our investment does to reach the uttermost. A new tide is moving.
- * In El Salvador we ministered to nearly 400 pastors and wives over four days. A new tide is moving.
- * Our youth are taking a summer VBS to Stockton, KS. A new tide is moving.

A flood will sweep through our church at the GO Conference, October 13-16. You may ride the wave, but only if you catch it. Let it pass at your own peril. Nobody ever drowned in the shallow waters of lukewarm spirituality. But neither did they swim in it!

There is a tide of opportunity that you dare not miss. Make your family part of it.



Stateside VBS Mission Trip

Main Street Christian | Stockton, KS

July 24-27 Pastor Brett and about 15 students from our UpperRoom Youth Ministry (6th-12th grade) are heading 5 hours away (Stockton, KS) to help Pastor Bob Matthews' church host their annual VBS.

This will be the first year his church is owning all major teaching and leadership roles—praise God! Pray for their strength and trust in the Lord. He is able to use anyone mightily for His glory! Though our students are simply supplementary help, they also will be intentionally prepared for the content and prayed up for any way God can use them...especially in salvations!

Follow mission trip updates by texting STOCK24 to 816-558-3001

Eric + Lacey Brown

****Coastal Baptist Church** | Ireland**

www.coastalbaptistni.org | Our first Sunday in our new, permanent building was June 30! We had the privilege of using the space a little early to host a History of the Bible conference in the new space with one of our pastoral friends and supporters from Ohio. Please continue to thank the Lord for the downpayment funds on our new building, pray for our ongoing discipleship of those who've come to know Christ already, and pray for our upcoming VBS :: August 12-16.

Over Easter, we invited approximately 1,250 people to our church and, for that service, Americans were finally outnumbered! We even saw a young lady come to Christ afterward. Indeed, God is good! We have seen many additional salvations throughout the spring, mostly in connection to one of our youngest team members, Faith Blackford. In total, we've introduced 20 souls to Christ here in Belfast - praise Him!

Last, but certainly not least, our second child, little Ruthie, was born in February. She was about 4 weeks early, but both Mom and Baby are relatively healthy and safe. We've had a few minor health issues with Ruthie, but the Lord has blessed us, truly.



Naim + Elvira Khoury

Holy Land Missions | Bethlehem

We had a 3-day revival prior to our Easter celebration. We thank the Lord for the ones who came forward for rededication of their lives and for others who trusted the Lord because of hearing the strong message of His salvation. What a powerful Savior and Father we have! We had a special treat for the children on Easter Sunday with a full program until 3pm—and it was a successful one. His Word is like a hammer which breaks the stones, and we thank the Lord for all what they learned from His Word.

This summer we are prayerfully fundraising for a few events—VBS, family camp, and a youth retreat. God bless and thanks for the heart you have for what we do for His glory.

Margarito + Sylvana Bolon

Maya Missions | Belize + Guatemala

At the end of May, Belize has had no rain in approx. 70 days. The creeks dried up; cattle are dying; wildfires have broken out across the country; houses, crops, and fields have been burned; and villages only get one hour of water every three days.

In the midst of these problems, people are still trusting the Lord. There were 28 souls saved since March! Ten of those received Christ while listening to Brother Mark Bul and Brother Eleuterio Mes preach on the radio.

We also had some of our older Belize pastors travel to Guatemala to help the younger pastors there. They spent a week teaching, preaching, and giving guidance. It's a blessing to see them willing to make the trip.

Dear Pastor and friends, please pray for rain!



David + Hanzi Thompson

Iglesia Biblica Bautista | Chile

At the end of our summer, we were able to baptize 10 believers into the fellowship of our church, and since the beginning of the year, attendance has been growing steadily here. On two occasions we've had standing room only...all 135 chairs in our



Tom Brockmeyer

MISSIONS PASTOR

The Bible says in Matthew 7 "Ask and it shall be give you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" : and that's what we've been trusting God to do with our church this year locally & around the world.

* **Asking** God to use us to be a beacon of light, life & hope to our new community (*our Jerusalem*) surrounding 425 RD Mize Rd in the months ahead.

* **Seeking** to know Him more (Phil 3:10) in our own personal life. That he would empower us to be a witness for him.

* **Knocking** – May we continue to be trusting God for open doors as we "GO!" locally & abroad sharing the gospel to a lost & dying world.

Thank you for your faithful support of all our missionaries as well as the sponsorship from so many that have helped other members go to the field with us this year. Enjoy these updates & know that our labor & giving is not in vain as we continue to invest in those "Things Above."

Be faithful,

main auditorium were occupied and our kids' classes were full! If we experience continued growth like this, we may have to move to two services.

A couple months ago, our church was able to begin purchasing a small piece of land outside of town that can be used for camps, retreats, fellowships, etc. for a *very* good price. We've been saving up for a project like this, so we jumped at the chance. It's taken a while to gather all the necessary documents and to get the bank to free up our funds (that's been quite the hassle!), but we are finally ready to sign the papers on it. Pray that it all goes through!

Lastly - surprise! - I've been working on writing and editing a book over the past two years: La Conducta Cristiana (The Christian Conduct). It considers each of the 50 commandments that Jesus gave his disciples and instructed them to teach to others. In April I finally finished the last edits as was able to upload it to Amazon. The church here found out about it and organized a surprise book signing event, with a cocktail and waiters and everything, including a video from my family members offering their encouragement!



Sammy + Becky Ciupuliga

MANNA Worldwide | Romania

One week before Easter, Rica (my father-in-law) and another two pastors from our area went on a mission trip to Ukraine. They visited the soldiers close to the war zone, bringing supplies and sharing the Gospel with six different groups of soldiers. They are discouraged and tired. More than food, the soldiers asked for coffee and energy drinks. One soldier said that in just one mission, he lost 60 of his teammates. They went in the warzone 80 and came back to the barracks 20. Please pray for them. Pray that the war will end but also pray that they will receive our Lord Jesus Christ and have peace in their hearts with God.

Mission Trips 2024/2025

EASTERN EUROPE

\$3,900 per person

Sept 3-12, 2024

Visiting and ministering to our Hungarian & Western Romanian missionaries. One is a new church plant and one is very established in multiple area cities. We'll be exploring ministry opportunities for future trips!

NEXT MTG—Jul 25 @ 7pm

DEPOSIT—Aug 4 \$2600

SOUTH ASIA

\$3,600 per person

Oct 24-Nov 3, 2024

Visiting TTI Training Centers in the area. Also checking in and serving with our veteran missionaries in the area. Both TTI and our missionaries have connections throughout the region!

NEXT MTG—Aug 15 @ 7pm

1st DEPOSIT—Aug 16 \$1200

SOUTH AMERICA

\$3,500 per person

Jan/Feb 2025

Visiting and ministering to our Chilean & Argentine missionaries during their *summer* season. We'll also be exploring ministry opportunities for future trips!

NEXT MTG—Late Fall 2024

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HBC'S SUMMER MISSIONARY

Please continue to pray for one of our College & Young Adult Ministry students, Taylor Johnson, who is spending her summer with Missionaries Gary & Allison Hale in the Dominican Republic.

We can't wait to hear what God does with her time there!

Returning Missionaries!

The Clarks | England



How is Crossroads (our church plant in London) doing? It's been extremely difficult to be away from them, but this time has been so important for their development. They are amazing! I get so much joy watching them (Phil 1:27).

While in the States, our youngest kiddos have been enjoying the fellowship of other believers their age at our home church, Midtown Baptist Temple. They've never had this before and Mindy and I are thankful to God for it. Please pray for our kids as they continue to grow in their faith.

As for our family's future...we're headed back to London in January! So, we've been visiting churches like crazy—all over the U.S. It's been so encouraging to reconnect with so many who are praying for us and to spend time with godly pastors.

Pray we raise the support we need to return to London. Pray that we find a home when we return to London. Pray that we find a building for this new church—and that God will give us a called man that I can train to be the pastor there. We love you guys.

Additionally, the week between Palm Sunday and Easter we had a funeral service for Simona from our church in Rogova. She passed away at the age of 46 from a rare immune disease that was discovered too late. A lot of people from the village attended her funeral—a good opportunity to share the Gospel. Please pray for Ion (the husband) and Rebeca and Sami (their children) that they will open their hearts for the Lord.

The Easter program itself was wonderful. In the morning, the worship team and the mandolin orchestra praise the Lord, and in the evening service we had the children's choir and children's orchestra. It was a great day of celebration!



Doug + Camelia Howey

Izvorul Vieții (Spring of Life) | Romania

This year's Easter Egg Hunt came with an election year, so not only the Mayor but even a county official (also Romania's Minister of Development) came to our Easter event, took pictures with us, and posted about it on the city's social media.

Our greatest joy was hearing the Mayor tell us directly (again) that his heart sunk when he woke up and it was raining. BUT GOD. At 8am the clouds broke, the sun came out, and he said he remembered "our God loves us and that we told him to pray the HE keeps the rain away." God did it again, and it was not lost on our Mayor! Pray for him. God answers these prayers for His testimony's sake and for His name's sake. Glory to His name!

Please continue to pray for a miracle for a building. Pray for salvations—Doug has been doing weekly evangelism in Rasnov with different teams. Pray for our girls, especially Attalia, who will have to start a new school (again!) this fall.

Kale + Brooke Horvath

Zuglói Biblia Gyülekezet | Hungary

We have two summer camps coming up in July.

The first is July 9-12 in a village called Kapsosfő. It's the first time we'll be holding a camp there. We'll be joined by members from First Baptist (Ohio), Wyldewood Baptist (Michigan), and Downtown Baptist (Florida). Several people from our church in Budapest are coming to serve and translate, as well. There will be about 60 kids aged 8-14 at this camp. Pray for the planning, logistics, and travel of teams coming to Hungary. Also, please pray we'd be able to share God's love with the kids, and that we'd see kids accept the Gospel and be saved!

The second camp will be the following week, July 16-19, at a school in Budapest that we have ministered to for many years. That camp will be put on entirely by Wyldewood Baptist. It will be a smaller camp, around 20-30 teenagers. Please pray for that camp (salvations, logistics, etc.) as well, and also for the travel of the team coming. It'd be amazing if teens would get saved and come to our church in Budapest to grow in their faith!

We're excited to see those who will be helping with these camps soon!

Cody + Mily Walker

Church Planters | Argentina

This past month has been discouraging for us. We had a family leave the church and, in our small congregation, the absence of one family is really felt, especially when we try to invest so much time and effort into discipling every member of the church. However, as we wrestled through that Prophet Elijah "wish I could crawl into a cave" feeling, God has shown that He is faithful to bring souls to Him.

A new student to Mily's English class (a little over a month ago) began a number of in-depth conversations on the Bible with Mily after seeing one open on a desk in the classroom. Adriana has been reading the Bible and desiring that the Lord would help her during a confusing and difficult time in her life. However, throughout their conversations, Adriana realized she had never asked the Lord to forgive her sins and bring her into eternal life with Him! She and her mother and 9-year-old son are now attending our church. Pray for Adriana and her new walk with the Lord. Now Mily is not only going to teach her English, but she gets the privilege of teaching her in discipleship, as well.

Additionally, I was recently visited by a young man who received Christ about 4 years ago when we first came to Balnearia. He brought his girlfriend with him and requested advice on returning to the Lord. During this conversation, I was blessed to lead his girlfriend, Micaela, to Christ as I counseled Maxi. Please pray for them as they are searching for peace and for the Lord to work in their lives.

The Lord is constantly reminding us why He called us here and that He is unwavering in the work He is doing in Argentina—adding to the church daily such as should be saved. Amen!

Mickey + Trina Cofer

Mongolian Missions | Mongolia

A recent Bible school graduate in ceramic arts flew in this spring as she makes long term plans to help teach pottery and work in the youth camp ministry. We praise the Lord for sending Jenna who wants to use her talent to serve Him in this far corner of the world. We're excited about reaching this next milestone in our mission platform. The strategic endeavors that open doors for the Gospel is an important part of the work and has come full circle from when it first paved the way for us to enter the country 20 years ago. Now, these efforts are making it possible for us to provide long-term visas to this next generation of young missionaries: Jazz and Kaitlin Cofer, Jeremy and Breanne Martin, and our newest intern—Jenna Hanson. We truly believe and have seen first hand how the “good works” aspect of “Gospel work” not only glorifies our Father in heaven, but also plays a critical role in advancing His mission worldwide.

It's been over 15 years of hard labor and your partnership in restoring these former, Soviet-era Wool Processing Mill buildings for the cause of Christ. Thank you for sending us out, for sowing bountifully, for dispersing abroad in this far away land, and giving to the poor.

There is also another opportunity that surfaced this season that we want to ask you to pray about. Please pray for us and, if you feel led, partner with us in purchasing this land for \$90,000. We would love to use it for our youth camp and additional camp/training housing for visiting pastors and churches.

2024 Trip Reports

Mexico | Zambia | El Salvador

MEXICO - April 2024

Our team was able to help Missionaries Scott & Gloria Brown put on two Children's Day festivals – one in the city center and one in Ixtapaluca. Over 1,000 Mexicans met IB ValleMex that day! Please pray for continuous and lasting fruit from this outreach.

ZAMBIA - May 2024

Our team was able to encourage, serve and even connect together many ministries we support in this area. We hosted conferences and children's events at both Nakonde school locations. Pastor Tom was even able to hop over to Kenya afterward to encourage a new Living Faith Fellowship church plant and connect with veteran Pastor Onesimus (whom many of you met at GO Conference 2023).

EL SALVADOR - June 2024

A small team of Blueprint Ladies and Pastor Alan went to encourage church leadership from across the area with conferences and teaching. Pastor Ramiro Claros desires an entire Central American endeavor like this in the future. Please pray for what God will have us continue to do with and through their church body.

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Even more, we had UpperRoom student, Dylan Freeouf, go on a mission trip with his Christian school to Costa Rica in May. He came home begging for the rest of our last year's GO Conference kids Bibles to give away around his neighborhood afterward! May we all – mission trip or not – have such a desire to reach those God has placed in our path. :)

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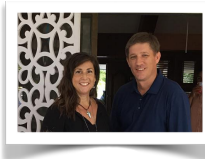
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MANNA Worldwide (Zambia Kids)



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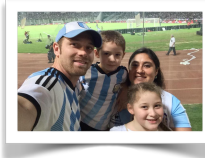
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Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:
2 THESSALONIANS 3:1