

HOPE OF GLORY

HBC Blue Springs Missions Update Newsletter



Alan Shelby

LEAD PASTOR

The purpose of the church is evangelism (go ye), discipleship (teach), and missions (all nations), Matt 28:19-20.

The attack is on biblical authority—the idea you can know God’s words in English, the Spirit answers to his word, and the word of God will do the work in your life to God’s glory. Secondly, it’s on our children, the next generation.

We just closed on a new facility 1.0 miles east, at 425 NW R.D. Mize Rd. Become a missionary by moving with us across 7 Hwy! Be part of integrating new people into our foundational first year, because of what we can do with the Bible and your kids—with biblical authority and children.

The best program in the world is kids watching parents follow Jesus into a new challenge. We are uniquely positioned to focus on the Bible for virtue education. God is moving us so that we can be even unique! Where we have the opportunity, we have the responsibility. So let’s excel at it this year!

Joel + Veronica Culberson

AWANA International | Topeka, KS

We are so grateful for your partnership with us in our ministry of building resilient disciples. Thank you for the value you have placed on child discipleship. It is encouraging to hear churches and leaders throughout Kansas and Missouri digging deep into God’s Word during challenging times to build lasting relationships with children and youth.

We LOVE Awana because it aligns with the church to involve a community of loving adults to engage with children so they can personally grow in their journey with the Lord.

This club year, we have a goal to raise \$50,000 to reach kids and engage them in lifelong discipleship through the Africa School Initiative!

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Lord-willing, in partnership with the Culbersons and the Africa School Initiative, Harvest will be bringing Awana to Nakonde East this May!



Kale + Brooke Horvath

Zuglói Biblia Gyülekezet | Hungary

Truly, this has been the climax of the entire year's work and prayer, moreover since 2020 when we landed here in Budapest! On December 17, **we had our first Sunday morning church service** for Zuglói Bible Church in our new building. The service was wonderful. We had 18 people, many of which were first-time guests. It was a combination of lost people and those that we had personally led to the Lord! The feedback afterwards was good. We were glad to hear that many of the guests really enjoyed the service, and I think many of them will return.

Please pray for 2024 for our new church! There are new believers who will need baptized. There are believers who will begin discipleship. The gospel will need to be preached to the lost. New believers need trained in the basics of the Bible and what it means to be a Christian. We are praying for all of this to happen, and for God's vision to accomplish it all.

Also, I would say around 30-40% of the square footage of our building needs renovated, and could then be used for children's rooms, an office, storage, and more. Our landlord agreed to pay for half of the expenses of the renovation (in our contract), but since this is a leased building, I want to make sure that we will plan to be here for the foreseeable future before investing a significant amount of funds in it. I'll be praying about this in the first quarter of the year.

Thank you all for your continued, faithful prayers and support. What a testament this church service is to the faithfulness of God to hear and answer the prayers of His saints. Thanks to YOU for your part in this work. We are so excited for what God has in store for our church in 2024!



Mickey + Trina Cofer

Mongolian Missions | Mongolia

What an awesome event — to celebrate **our 20th Anniversary of Mongolian Missions** with the launch of our first national missions training module in our *newly heated* dorms, chapel and cafeteria! One Mongolian pastor came all the way from the Gobi desert to attend the training sessions. Another church planter, Zoloo, has been laboring alone in a remote region northwest of us for over 15 years. He and his friend, Saihnaa, spent 20 hours of grueling travel, digging his van out of muddy riverbed roads to get to the training. These are the kind of men we want to help equip and encourage who have the calling of God and grit to go to the hardest to reach uttermost places.

We're equally excited about our church's new plant that is beginning to bud in a small unreached town southwest of us. Last night, Pastor Migaa preached on John 3:16 and at the end of the service, one lady stood up and enthusiastically said, "Let's believe!" That spontaneous proclamation brought back memories of the first group that met in our tent 20 years earlier. I'll never forget when a brand new believer testified with that same sincerity, "We were blind, but now we see!"

This is what it's all about. God called, you sent and together we are striving to remain faithful for them and every other soul who will come to know Jesus in this faraway land. Trina and I want to publicly thank the Lord and all of our faithful partners in the gospel for the best and most impactful 20 years of our lives.



Missions Training in our newly heated building!



Tom Brockmeyer

MISSIONS PASTOR

How is it that ye have no faith? Mk 4:40. Jesus often reminded his disciples to cast out fear and proceed ahead by faith to accomplish all he had planned for them. True faith is always anchored on scriptural facts and that is why the gospel continues to reach so many around the globe. As we read about and see men and women full of faith proclaiming the truth and life found in the scriptures, the results are disciples getting trained and churches planted by the missionaries and ministries that we support. With this upcoming move to our new facility, may we also continue to pray, be full of faith, and obedient to GO!

Pray—*Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb 4:16*

GO—*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mk 16:15*

Be faithful,

Margarito + Sylvana Bolon

Maya Missions | Belize/Guatemala

Jer 1:12 "...for I will hasten my word to perform it." The word hasten means to watch. IF I understand that verse correctly, this word hasten means that whatever God says, He watches over His word to make sure it comes to pass. It is a wonderful thing to see God perform His word in Belize and Guatemala. As you already know, we have three avenues of getting the gospel to the lost in the "deep bush." We are using a gospel film in their own language, our tract ministry and a radio ministry. We are seeing the Lord not only watching over His word but also performing it.

There have been 59 people saved since Brother Wayne Anderson was there in September. God has been good to Maya Missions and we give Him all the praise and glory for His blessings to us.

Please continue to pray for our operation under current government. The Belize government finally approved our BCCAR papers which allows us to work in Belize. We praise the Lord for this approval. We are having a lot of problems with this government and getting our Guatemalan pastors across the border for Pastors School. Without going into too much detail — so you will know how to pray — the immigration department has refused to stamp our pastors passports, which creates a big problem. We ask for your prayers (and fasting, if the Lord leads you that way).

Scott + Gloria Brown

IBValleMex | Mexico City

As you may already know, Acapulco was hit by a category five hurricane this past fall that caused immense destruction to the city. Two of our network churches were affected, with their buildings and meeting places severely damaged. Although no lives were lost, the impact on the churches and the local people was devastating. We invited those affected to join us in Mexico City (or with my brother in Monterrey) because they were without access to water, electricity and food.

Harvest is taking a trip April 2024 to help Scott with the his two church plants in Mexico City, as well as participate in evangelism at their kids day festival. Come with us to Mexico (see side column)!

Upcoming Mission Trip Meetings

ZAMBIA

\$3,600 per person

May 14-23, 2024

Ministering to the teachers at our school in Nakonde. Also, Lord-willing, bringing AWANA to Africa!

NEXT MTG—Feb 15 @ 7pm

1st DEPOSIT—Feb 15 \$1200

Last month, Harvest donated another ~\$7,000 to Zambia as they continue to raise funds for new transportation! Thanks for your generosity!!

MEXICO CITY

\$2,000 per person

April 25-May 1, 2024

Ministering with the Browns at two different church plants in the city.

NEXT MTG—Feb 29 @ 7pm

2nd DEPOSIT—Feb 29 \$750

CHILE

\$3,500 per person

July 9-18, 2024

Ministering with our missionaries and their church during the Chilean wintertime.

1st DEPOSIT—Apr 4 \$1000

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Last year was one of the most rewarding years of ministry. Our most recent update can't even touch all that we are anticipating in 2024. But, we hope you will take time to watch it and rejoice in what God is doing. **20 years of DR ministry in the books!** (You can view their January 2024 update on YouTube :: [YouTube.com/@garyhale4251](https://www.youtube.com/@garyhale4251))

Pray for Summer Camp Impact

The Walkers | Argentina

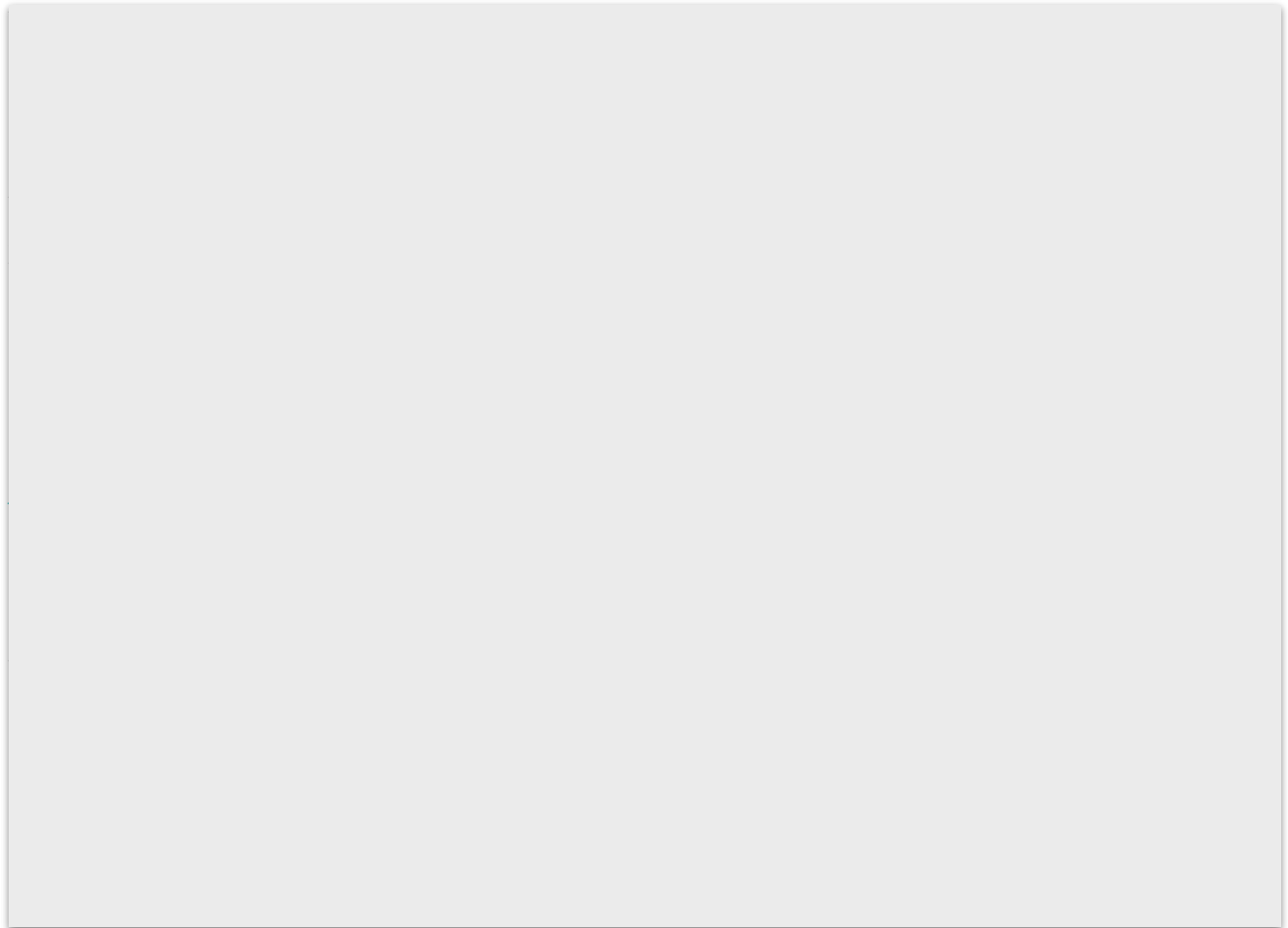


Summer camp just finished up. We hoped to take our own kids and possibly 4 others to Jujuy, a province about 630 miles north of us in Argentina. The Director out there was a deacon at the church where Mily grew up in Buenos Aires, so we know each other well. He even asked me to teach a few workshops to the youth during the week.

Please pray for the Lord to continue speaking to the students' hearts! My hope is that they would come back from camp on fire to help grow the youth group this year and be able to reach more of our young people for Christ in Balnearia.

December has been a month of strong spiritual attacks against our members and their families. Please pray for strength from above for them to be able to withstand the enemy darts and grow in Christ through trials.

Lastly, continue to urgently pray for a permanent building for our church. With all the volatility in the Argentine economy due leadership changes, we still don't know how much our rent will go up in February. We are told that it will be *at least* 120% increase from what we are paying now. Your faithfulness toward us gives us and the church stability in the ministry despite the whims of the governments of men.



Sammy + Becky Ciupuliga

MANNA Worldwide | Romania

December was a great and busy month. We finished the first semester in Awana with the highly anticipated Store. Thanks to you, children were blessed with toys, school supplies, clothing and lots of sweets. Samuel, a teenager from the church in Rogova, said this store was the *best* and from year to year they are better and better. Thank you for providing these blessings for them! They are looking forward to the next Awana Store in June.

Of course, there can be no Christmas without caroling. With a large group from our churches, we went around Lupsa, Rogova and Severin to spread the Good News about our Lord and Savior. It was a great time of reaching new people with the Gospel and inviting them to church. Please pray for their hearts! Additionally, we were blessed with shoe boxes from Samaritan's Purse. The presents were distributed during church service in Lupsa. The Gospel was preached and many children (and parents) heard it.

A financial request :: We could use \$1,500 to renovate a room with additional furniture and some paint for our growing children's ministry in Severin. Praise the Lord! Please consider this need.

David + Hanzi Thompson

Iglesia Biblica Bautista | Chile

Several weeks ago we held a special praise & prayer meeting so we could pray specifically for Chile. We set out 30 chairs, but we had almost 40 people show up for the 3-hour-long meeting! It was encouraging to see how people in our church realize that what this country desperately needs is to turn to the Lord & to seek His ways.

Harvest will be joining the Thompsons July 2024. Check out our website for more information and come join us in July to *personally* see what God is doing in Chile!

hbcbluesprings.org/mission-trip-opportunities

