



## Help Ministries

Former Fellowship Pastor Dr. Scotty Drake and his wife Barbara founded Help Ministries 23 years ago. Now every year they facilitate missions conferences in around 200 churches. In the 23 years since inception, 1000 pastors and individuals have joined them in spreading the Gospel to nearly 60 countries and counting. It is the goal of Help Ministries to train local pastors to reach their people.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Please be in prayer for many of our partner pastors who have contracted COVID. Many are having to fight in places that do not have good medical care.
- Ask God to place a hedge of protection around the work that we and our pastors do.
- Thank God that He cares for each person and pray that our ministries will bring them to know Him personally.



## B.J. and Nese Stagner

The Lord called B.J. to the mission field as a church planting missionary to the United Kingdom. The Stagners arrived in Wales on November 4, 2014 and held their first church service on November 5, 2014, thus planting their first work in the UK in Aberaman (South Wales). Their second church was planted in September of 2016 in North Cardiff (roughly 25 miles south of the main campus). B.J. serves as pastor of both locations along with his family. Multiple outreach ministries work through the church, including the ministry of gym chaplaincy.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- We are committed to seeing a revival in our land, beginning with us at Saron. Please pray for this to occur. No revival in history has ever begun without diligent prayer and we have a desire to see it again.
- We thank God for the sweet moving of His Spirit in our services. We have felt it so strong that you could almost reach out touch it. Thank God with us for His presence for without Him, we could do nothing.





## Jimmy and Shelley Dinsmore

Jimmy and Shelley are missionaries in Petén, Guatemala. They work with the Kekchi people, training national Kekchi pastors and working with them to plant churches. They have been there since August 2006. God has given them 4 children: twins Jonah and Silas, a daughter Eden, and their baby Titus. Their heart is for all the villages in Petén to be reached with the Gospel and to have a church with a trained national pastor who can help disciple new believers. The Kekchi Bible Institute (KBI), in Spanish, Instituto Bíblico Q'eqchi' (IBQ), is a 3 year pastors institute, where men called to be pastors can come.

### Prayer Requests:

- Please ask God for help with finances. Much of our support comes from the states and with churches closing, our support dropped. Jimmy got a job mowing a field and it covered our bills for a month. God continues to provide, but please pray with us.
- Please ask God to be with the prospective pastors who will sign up for our Bible Institute. With COVID it has been very challenging.



## Anna Chubb

Anna Chubb was serving in Togo, and briefly in Iraq, for ten years. Almost 3 years ago, she felt God leading her to move back to her hometown of Orlando. Through some very hard experiences of brokenness and the death of her brother who identified as gay, God has been giving her a deeper awe of the healing, transforming hope and grace of the Gospel that goes so much deeper than moralism and making idols of ministry success. She is now serving with ABWE North America's EveryEthne initiative. She travels with a team that presents seminars to help believers to move toward building grace and truth relationships with lost individuals who happen to identify as gay. She also serves locally in Orlando on a community college campus with a ministry outreach to international students who will, prayerfully, one day go back to their countries with the potential for great kingdom impact.

### Prayer Requests:

- In our prayer meeting we felt moved to pray for the salvation of students this semester. We made a list of 50 names we are asking God to reveal Jesus to. Please pray for these 50 this spring.
- It was beautiful to hear some other stories of how God was at work in students' lives. It continues to amaze me how God is working even in the midst of COVID. So encouraging!





## David and Mindy Nelson-CCI

While studying the Cebuano language and Filipino culture in language school in Mindanao, Philippines, the Lord gave Dr. David Nelson a vision for equipping and multiplying pastors and church leaders.

In 2007, Crossing Cultures International (CCI) was created and by the end of 2016, the Lord was pleased to expand the ministry to 550 training classes in 31 countries with 6,200 pastors and church leaders in training and 3,500 graduates. Over 65 national coordinators oversee the training.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Please pray for our grandchildren to understand the gospel and believe in Christ.
- Pray for our 600 volunteer trainers around the world who train other pastors, church leaders, and ordinary people who want to serve God.
- Pray that as a ministry, we will continue to pursue an intimate relationship with Christ, will be faithful to teach God's Word with power and effectiveness, will be financially trustworthy, and will continue to live lives of character and integrity.



## Jim and Hope Smith

Jim and Hope Smith were happy serving in the church of their youth raising their four young children, but God had other plans.

In 2005, God led them to Zambia (Africa) to help lead a team of missionaries, assist with two church plants, pioneer an orphan work, and build a large scale cattle operation for ministry sustainability.

In 2011, the Smiths shifted their base to Pretoria, South Africa where they remotely continue ministry in Zambia.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- We are asking for prayers of protection for the ministry property in South Africa while we are in the US due to COVID travel restrictions.
- We would like to acquire long term residence status. This would keep us from having to renew our visas which is becoming increasingly more difficult.
- Please ask God to give us wisdom for ministry planning and growth opportunities.
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## Marc and Charin Patton

Marc and Charin began their ministry in Hungary in 1993. Their four children were born there and speak perfect Hungarian with no accent. In 2011, Charin and Marc received their Hungarian citizenship, so now they are dual citizens of the USA and Hungary. These steps have gone a long way to helping them be accepted.

Over the last 25+ years, their focus has always been church planting. The Lord has allowed them to have a part in the establishment of three churches there.

### Prayer Requests:

- COVID continually challenges us. Pray that we can be creative in the ways that we reach people.
- Ask God to help us to see His plans for this region and raise up leaders to help guide the churches we serve.
- Please pray for finances. COVID has been hard on everyone.



## John and Emily Slater

The Slater family consists of John, Emily, Abigail, Josiah, Micah, and Noah. They live in Cork, Ireland. They share the Gospel with others and teach them to be committed followers of Jesus Christ. Their mission is to engage the culture, establish churches, and establish a Bible institute that will train Irish nationals to become pastors and missionaries in Ireland.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- As church services, along with many other activities, have been deemed nonessential by the government, we have been unable to meet as a church body since March 2019.
- Ask that God will give us vision and help us to navigate these uncertain times well.
- Please pray for the teens in our ministry. At first they would attend our ZOOM meetings, but as time went on they seemed to lose interest. The isolation due to COVID is very difficult on them.





## JJ and Melissa Alderman

The 6 Degree Initiative is a church planting movement focusing on the unreached people groups just north of the equator in West Africa.

This area spans the balmy African coast that has been greatly impacted most by Voodoo and the exportation of precious human life through the slave trade. JJ and Melissa Alderman, 6 Degree's founding missionaries, are partnering with national leaders to plant churches in the least-reached cities of the region. A concentrated church planting movement within these culturally significant cities serves as a launching pad for ministry into smaller communities. Currently, the five projects within the 6 Degree Initiative are: Togo Church Planting, Benin Church Planting, Togo Palms Camp and Institute, Deaf Project, Vocational Training. The Aldermans have teams leading each of these areas.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Please pray for the expansion of our church planting team into Benin.
- We are asking God to grow the 9 churches currently in Togo to 20.
- Melissa has been facing health issues. Please pray for her healing.



## Ron and Susan Taylor

Ron and Susan have been ministering in New York City since January of 2008. It is their God-given vision to launch churches in all 5 boroughs of NYC. God has truly given them an impossible task that only He will make possible. When they moved there in January of 2008, God opened the door for them to have a building in Queens.

Their first church plant began in February of 2009 and God began blessing. In March of 2011, they re-located to Brooklyn into a diverse community which we had specifically been praying for. As a result of Hurricane Sandy in 2012, the Lord opened up another opportunity to launch a new work in Far Rockaway, Queens. Rockaway Beach Baptist Church launched on Easter Sunday of 2013 and they are more excited than ever about what God is doing through this ministry. They look forward to branching out into all of the boroughs over time as God allows.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Please pray for many of our team who are having financial difficulties due to COVID.
- Please pray for the salvation of Crystal C. and Charlie J.
- We are trying to open our church on Easter this year. Please pray for that service and that God will make the impossible possible.





## Missionary D

Some missionaries work in areas that are restricted. This limits the ability for us to share about them. Nevertheless, we wanted to introduce you to Missionary D. This family works in an area that outwardly says they have religious freedom, but is very restrictive. Christians are persecuted greatly in this country. If someone becomes a Christian, they are disowned by their family or killed. Please pray for the Missionary D family as they seek to create friendships and share the love of Christ. Pray for their protection and God's favor.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Please pray for God's consistent favor on our Bible Seminary.
- With the global pandemic, we have had challenges meeting our rent. Thank you to God and Fellowship Baptist for helping us meet our rent.
- We pray that we can meet the needs of many people during this challenging COVID season and that God's name will be glorified.



## Vision With Compassion, Cuba

Vision with Compassion exists to raise support for the ongoing work of the church in Cuba. We are committed to working with local pastors and supplying their needs as they arise. We supply Bibles and Christian literature, evangelistic efforts as well as training of pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers.

Vision with Compassion is licensed by the U.S. Treasury Department to conduct religious work in Cuba and is able to obtain religious visas from the Cuban government, which gives its workers legal permission to carry out mission work, witness, and preach in the churches. God has laid before us the great and urgent need in Cuba, formed our vision, given us the tools needed, provided contacts in Cuba and America, and opened this window of opportunity to see the gospel proclaimed in every corner of the nation.

### Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for the struggling economic situation in Cuba due to currency restructuring.
- Please pray for Ray Mixon's health.
- Ask God to open doors to return to Cuba as they have been restricted due to COVID.