



**WALNUT HILL**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

## Church in Action Prayer Guide 2020-2021



***Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him.***

*Luke 10:33*

## OUR MISSIONARY FAMILIES

### **Brad and Kristen C.** *North Africa*

Building and developing the church and church leaders across North Africa.

Pray that the Lord continues to use Brad and Kristen in the growth of the church across North Africa. Also pray for all the new believers and the persecution they are experiencing as a result of their surrender. Pray for their daughter and two sons as well.

### **Clint and Vivienne S.** *North Africa and Middle East*

Enabling churches throughout the region to oversee personnel needs of 400+ workers.

Pray for unity among the community of believers in this region and for Christian medical personnel to go there. Pray also for the provision of counselors and teachers who can provide much needed trauma support.

### **Ed and Elenore B.** *Latin America and Asia*

Enabling churches and training church leaders across Latin America and Asia.

Pray for a South Asian team working in a very difficult “climate” for Christ-followers. Pray for Ed and Elenore, who will be leading workshops on how to share the Bible through storytelling around the world.

### **Eric Rardin** *CRU Orlando, FL*

Seeking to expand the outreach arm of Cru staff around the world by bringing supplies and aid that local Cru staff and churches can distribute to those around them.

Pray that our next few trips would be used to establish trusting relationships with locals, which will result in transformed communities and people coming to know Christ.

### **Geni and Soni Begu** *Albania*

Planting churches and specializing in pastoral training, conferences and workshops on forgiveness.

Pray for the Albanian Church and for many to come to Jesus. Pray the Lord will open doors for Geni and Soni to share God’s love and peace among the Albanian Muslim community.

### **John and Jenny B.** *Middle East*

Working with the local church to come alongside refugees fleeing Iraq and Syria and provide specialized medical and trauma support.

Pray for believers in the local church and John and Jenny’s refugee ministry team. Pray for steadfastness in the face of adversity and the passion to keep spreading the Good News and serving the community. Pray that John and Jenny are provided with the administrative help they desperately need for the different refugee ministries they are directing.

**Jon and Valerie Brown** *Amazon Region of Brazil*

Serving the Yanomami people within the Amazon. Sharing Jesus and coming alongside the communities there to provide care and support, and to teach and equip believers.

Pray for the people in Palimi-U, especially the church leaders and recent believers. Pray for the schools in the Yanomami villages and that the children would come to know Jesus.

**Lee and Ann P.** *West Asia and Middle East*

Sharing Jesus to the unreached in a particularly closed and dangerous part of the Middle East.

Pray for the church that Lee and Anne attend as they struggle with increasingly stringent policies and stricter rule enforcement by the government concerning churches and church worship. Pray for provision and protection for them and their seven children.

**Megan Silver** *University of Bridgeport and Western Connecticut State University*

Working on campuses with students and student groups to develop a passion for studying and sharing the Gospel.

Pray that God gives her great wisdom and peace as she works with the students at the University of Bridgeport and Western Connecticut State University and as she steps into her work with our youth here at Walnut Hill.

**Peter and Miriam Fretheim** *Nigeria*

Working with city ministries that focus on at-risk children, meeting human needs and using sports to reach them.

Continue to pray for “Leah,” who has been in the captivity of terrorists for more than two years. Pray that her faith remains strong and that the global church continues to come alongside her in prayer for her release and health.

**Rick and Carol McArthur** *Central America*

Bridging cultures and serving as translators in Guatemala. Bringing Jesus in unique ways to children and adults in the villages and towns, using video and oral storytelling to share the Gospel.

Praise the Lord for what has been accomplished through Rick and Carol’s ministry, “Vina.” Pray for the reprint of the Kekchi Bible and for the continued interest and use of it.

**Samantha Zondervan** *YWAM United States*

Teaching and equipping young leaders in sharing the Gospel around the world.

Pray that the Lord will work through Samantha (Sammie) to encourage and equip our millennials. Pray that they step into opportunities to come alongside the most vulnerable and disenfranchised within their communities and around the world.

**Steve and Elizabeth Gilroy** *Costa Rica*

Providing care and recovery for young women who have been victims of human trafficking.

Pray for the favor of the Costa Rican government on their ministry to trafficked women and children. May the Lord give them wisdom, peace and strength in their daily battle against this evil.

**Tim and Niai Byrd** *Zambia*

Sharing Jesus to unreached students and connecting with local churches in various outreach projects to help the needy and vulnerable.

Praise God as Tim and Niai celebrate two years of ministry in Zambia. Pray for the students who are returning to the university from last year to reconnect with Tim's team and the church in Zambia.

**Tim Palmbach** *The Henry Lee Institute, CT*

Working with governments and law enforcement agencies around the world to help combat human trafficking.

Pray that God opens doors if it is His will for Tim's work to continue in East Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia.

**Vicki Beattie** *Southern Sudan*

Training health workers in home-based care and discipling them in their faith.

Pray for the protection and safety of Vicki as she works in one of the most difficult and dangerous regions in the world. Pray as she ministers to and cares for the victims impacted by the wars and famines raging through South Sudan.

**Yuko O.** *North Africa*

Working and serving in a Muslim country through friendship evangelism.

Pray for Yuko as she leads the women's group and for their focus on the Gospel and how to share Jesus with their Muslim family members. Continue to pray that Jesus reveals Himself to individuals in this country's Muslim communities through dreams and visions.

## OUR LOCAL PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

**ACTS 4**

Supporting the needs of families and individuals in financial distress, who may have "lost everything" to fire and flood within the Greater Waterbury area. Building relationships with these families while providing for their basic needs.

Pray for the continued provision of support and helping hands to come alongside those who are really struggling in our greater Waterbury community.

**Christian Counseling Center**

Integrating biblical principles of healing with professional knowledge and experience, addressing the needs of the whole person: heart, mind and spirit. Serving the greater Danbury, Brookfield and New Milford areas.

Pray for the counselors and staff in the center who come alongside individuals and families struggling with mental and emotional challenges on a daily basis. Pray that they experience God's wisdom, peace and joy as they help others.

**Jericho Partnership**

Mobilizing ministry and transforming the City of Danbury. Joining with God in His work with the youth, poor and needy via a radical and sustainable partnership of Christ-centered churches, word-and-deed ministries and private foundations.

Pray for the outreach and care ministries that Jericho provides on a daily basis to our families in Danbury. Pray for the peace and protection of the staff and their families.

**Joni and Friends of New England**

Extending the love and message of Jesus to people affected by disability around the world.

Pray for the continued expansion of Joni's ministry and support to our families in New England. Pray that the family camps this summer are staffed with the needed volunteers and helpers to make the camp experience special for the children and adults attending.

**The Fold**

Serving teens and families in crisis in New England as one of the nation's leading Christ-centered residential care programs.

Pray that the Lord continues to bless this special ministry for our teens at risk with the much needed financial and staffing resources The Fold needs to continue operating. Pray that the Fold's students and families would experience God's grace, healing and love.

**The Underground**

Working with Connecticut churches and supporting agencies to come together and collectively combat human trafficking in Connecticut.

Pray for God's favor and protection as housing solutions for women looking to escape the daily life of being trafficked is being developed and implemented in Connecticut.

**Vision New England**

Uniting, equipping and encouraging the body of Christ to strengthen local churches and advance the Kingdom of God in New England.

Pray for the continued unity and collaboration among our churches in New England to bring light to the darkness and revival to our cities and towns.

## OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS

### **Christian Service Society (CSS) Bangladesh**

Serving as an indigenous, humanitarian development organization helping those working in the sex trade industry start new lives. Providing homes for orphaned and vulnerable children and training Christian leaders in these communities as well.

Pray for the staff who serve and care for the children, women and sick across Bangladesh.

Pray for the Homes of Blessing, the hospitals, the schools and the medical clinics that serves over 5 million people a year across Bangladesh.

### **ELAM**

Strengthening and expanding the church in the Iran region and beyond through development, pastoral training, children's and women's ministry programs, and multimedia.

Pray for the hundreds of thousands of men and women who received the Scriptures in Persian last year. Pray for the small groups of believers coming together across the Iran region, that they would continue to meet and dig deep into the Word of God.

### **India National Inland Mission**

Impacting unreached people in India and South Asia with the Gospel by strengthening the local church through training, Bible colleges, rescuing and helping orphans, children's homes, Christ-centered schools, and assisting the poor and downtrodden.

Pray for protection from attack and that God continues to open doors for the sharing of the Gospel across South Asia.

### **World Relief**

Empowering local churches in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Working holistically with the local church to stand for the sick, widows, orphans, aliens, displaced, devastated, marginalized and disenfranchised.

In Rwanda, pray for the pastors in the District of Ngoma as they continue to rebuild and bring healing to their communities. Pray that they are unified in their purpose and their work. Pray for protection against attack from the evil one.

In the DRC, pray for the protection of the World Relief staff in the North Kivu Province of the DRC. Pray for their safety as they travel in dangerous conditions to care for the women who have been victims of gender-based violence, as they help develop village peace committees and as they establish "savings for life programs."

## Our Strategic Ministry Involvement

### Face of Justice Ministries

Serving to defend, shelter, empower and love survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation and the men, women and children working in prostitution in Costa Rica through intervention, prevention and restoration.

Pray that the girls and women of Costa Rica will be released from the darkness and bondage of being trafficked. Pray for their healing and restoration. Pray for Elizabeth and Steve, and their staff, as they work and care for these women on a daily basis and navigate through the difficult and dark past experiences these women bring to the program.

### Amirah

Providing a refuge to those seeking to break free from sexual exploitation here in New England and bringing healing in community to those on their journey toward lasting hope.

Pray for Amirah's safe house in the Boston area and for its opportunity to open a much-needed safe house that would provide care and restorative services for women in the Connecticut area. Pray that the necessary financial and support resources are raised in 2020 to allow this home in the Hartford area to open.

### Restore NYC

Ending sex trafficking in New York and restoring the well-being and independence of foreign-national survivors.

Pray for the continued protection and blessing over Restore's ministry in New York City and their staff. Pray that the women who come to seek a place of safety and loving refuge from the bondage of the streets find shelter from the storm and a place to step into a transformed life.

### Fountain of Hope

Equipping and empowering the people of Cambodia to be agents of holistic transformation in their communities through the love of Christ.

Pray for the continued growth of new believers and cell churches in the provinces of Kandal, Tbong Khmum and Pursat. Pray for the safety of the Fountain of Hope staff as they travel from village to village on a daily basis, often alone on a motor scooter, to bring the love of Jesus to these remote communities.

### **Mission Next**

Connecting mid-life adults with global impact opportunities for God by providing information, challenge and pathways for discovering and processing opportunities in missions short-term or as a next career.

Pray for our Walnut Hill congregants to see the importance of using their business or professional skills to come alongside ministries and programs around the world in need of their knowledge and skill sets. Pray that we are mobilized to act on these opportunities.

### **Nazareth Evangelical College**

Training indigenous leader's (primarily Arab Christians) for the church in Israel and the Middle East, specializing in pastoral training, conferences and workshops on forgiveness.

Pray that God continues to use Azar and the college to equip and train the men and women in this region to bring healing, restoration and peace through the power and forgiveness of Jesus.

