OUR MISSIONARY FAMILIES

Brad and Kristen C. North Africa
Building and developing the church and church leaders across North Africa.

Pray for wisdom and discernment as Brad and Kristen lead and support teams of church planters across North Africa. Also pray for all the new believers and the persecution they are experiencing as a result of their surrender.

Clint and Vivienne S. North Africa and Middle East
Enabling churches throughout the region to oversee personnel needs of 400-plus 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 God to grant health to the staff and training partners and to give them growing insights to be wise practitioners of biblical storyweaving. Protect them as they often have to minister in difficult environments. Pray for wisdom and success in raising up a new generation of biblical storyweavers and for leadership in personal evangelism, personal discipleship, healthy spirituality and leadership, and church-based support for addiction recovery.

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 for the outreach trips that Cru plans, for students’ lives to be transformed and for people to come to know Christ. Pray that students would be equipped to effectively share their faith. Pray for Eric as he coaches others on raising support.

Geni and Soni Begu Albania and Kosovo
Planting churches and specializing in pastoral training, conferences and workshops on forgiveness.

Pray for the Albanian Church and the Church in Kosovo and that many come to Jesus. Pray for Geni and Soni to share God’s love and peace as they begin to support the planting of a church in Kosovo. Pray also for the Lord’s provision and that they will continue to walk with the Lord and be His delight. Pray for their parents and that their children will continue to grow in strength and love for the Lord.
John and Jenny B. Middle East
Working with the local church to come alongside refugees fleeing Iraq and Syria and to provide specialized medical and trauma support.

Pray that the seeds of the Gospel shared would result in more refugees coming to faith in Jesus in the Diyarbakir region and that the Diyarbakir Church would be strengthened in their internal relationships. May those who were given New Testaments as gifts come to faith in Jesus. Pray for peace and wisdom for John and Jenny as they care for John’s mom in Pennsylvania.

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.

Continue to pray for the people we minister to in Budu-U and 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 Anne 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 team as they continue to help feed tens of thousands who have been left hungry due to the pandemic and fighting. Pray that the education and training programs the team has developed are able to be accessed by those in the country that need it. Pray for provision and protection for Lee and Anne 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 continues 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.

Pray for the ministries in Nigeria that support converts, persecuted believers, refugees, orphans, abused women, the blind, the deaf and the disabled. May the Lord bless their efforts to distribute Bibles, conduct evangelistic film outreaches and provide more than a million meals to those who cannot feed themselves. Pray for the outreaches in the northeast of Nigeria to support thousands who have been devastated by COVID, Boko Haram terrorists and radicals.
**Rick and Carol McArthur  Central America**

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

Praise the Lord for what has been accomplished through Rick and Carol’s ministry, “Vina,” and how people are hearing Scripture in their own language. Pray for the movement of God’s Spirit among prisoners, police and soldiers.

**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 our millennials and equip them to address the injustices facing our society, such as poverty, foster care, homelessness and family restoration. Pray for Sammie as she plants Compassion Ablaze ministries at an international hub. These ministries demonstrates the love of Jesus to the disenfranchised through acts of mercy.

**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.

Pray for Zambia, which is being hit hard by the second wave of COVID. Pray for wisdom and discernment for Tim and Niai as they adjust to the changing dynamics of the student ministry and for them to have wisdom and favor with the university leadership. Also pray for the Lord’s peace and comfort as they have been surrounded by death, sickness and emotional pain.

**Tim Palmbach  Center for Forensic Investigation of Trafficking in Persons, CT**

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

Pray that the work that was underway in East Africa and Latin America can continue after being significantly affected by the pandemic. Pray for clarity, wisdom and insight for Tim as he navigates the future with respect to the impact COVID has had on the work he has been leading. Pray for his new focused work on combating online sexual exploitation of minors in the U.S. with emerging technologies.

**Vicki Beattie  Southern Sudan**

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

Pray for Vicki to be sensitive to the Lord’s leading as she balances responsibilities in Sudan and home. Pray that those displaced will know God’s comfort and love in their suffering. May the Lord encourage Cornelius and Harun in their leprosy work. Pray for Vicki’s Dad as he navigates life on his own after losing his wife.
Yuko O. *North Africa*
Working and serving in a Muslim country through friendship evangelism.

Pray for Yuko as she leads a women’s group and for good witnessing opportunities with her friends and students. Continue to pray that Jesus reveals Himself to individuals in this country’s Muslim communities and for their spiritual awakening.

**OUR LOCAL PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS**

**Acts 4 Ministry**
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 volunteers to come alongside those who are really struggling in our Greater Waterbury community and to help us deliver furniture to those in need. May the clients served see the love of Jesus flow through the volunteer teams.

**Christian Counseling Center**
Integrating biblical principles of healing with professional knowledge and experience, and 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 for a new move of Christ’s healing and power to those they serve, especially those affected by the Sandy Hook tragedy. They are also in need of a new staff person.

**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.

As they launch deeper into Jericho 360 — their ministry to serve the academic, physical, social and spiritual needs of Danbury’s at-risk youth for God’s glory — pray that their buildings will be bursting with students and volunteers seeking to honor God as they learn, grow and serve. May the news of what God is doing through Jericho 360 permeate the community for His glory. Pray for the health and safety of their students, volunteers and staff.
Joni and Friends of New England
Extending the love and message of Jesus to people affected by disability around the world.
    May God use their communication through radio, podcasts, blogs and social media platforms to bring the hope of Christ to those suffering with disabilities and chronic conditions in New England and around the world. Pray their partnerships in the Middle East will open the doors for sharing the message of Christ with those with disabilities in countries where Christians make up less than 2 percent of the population.

Safe Families
Temporarily hosting children and providing a network of support to families in crisis while they get back on their feet.
    Pray that Safe Families continues to draw interest and support from the churches across Connecticut and that our Walnut Hill community is able to respond to the placement opportunities for children by establishing the Circles of Support that are necessary, especially the development of at least three host families. Pray for Michelle and her Safe Families leadership team and for Sue Smyth as she works with Safe Families on behalf of Walnut Hill.

The Underground
Working with Connecticut churches and supporting agencies to come together and collectively combat human trafficking in Connecticut.
    Pray for new life for our survivors and that they may walk in freedom from exploitation. May their mentors impart Christ to them. Pray for wisdom for The Underground in navigating state partnerships and as they create a Young Adult Human Trafficking Awareness Curriculum. Also pray for the expansion of Connecticut’s Vacatur Statute for Victims of Human Trafficking so that victims can get criminal record relief and experience a life of new opportunities.

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.

Walnut Hill Community Church Food Pantry
Responding to the growing need to feed the hungry in our communities due to the pandemic.
    Pray for God’s continued miraculous provision of food through federal, state and local donations. Pray for the volunteers who serve faithfully across all our campuses. May the Lord grant them wisdom and direction with respect to leading the Food Pantry in the months ahead.
YoungLives
Reaching teen moms by entering their world, modeling the unconditional love of Christ to them and helping them become the women and mothers God created them to be.

Pray for them to connect to new teen moms through Hopeline and Lyfepact boxes and to partner with churches in the local community to bring hope to teen moms. Pray for more mentors to join YoungLives.

OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS

Christian Service Society (CSS) Bangladesh
Serving as an indigenous, humanitarian development organization to help 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 hospitals, the schools, the savings for life programs, economic empowerment and the medical clinics that serve more than 5 million people a year across Bangladesh.
Pray for continued provision as they feed the hungry due to the pandemic.

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 ongoing Scripture distribution efforts and for the Lord to draw recipients to Himself. Pray for religious freedom in Iran and other nations, for the encouragement of Christians who are suffering today, and for ongoing endurance and unity for all those serving the Iranian church.

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, and assisting the poor and downtrodden.

Pray for protection from attack and that God continues to open doors to share 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 strength, joy, rest and margin for the staff and pastors. May the children — particularly those of vulnerable families — be able to return to school soon. Pray for the Families for Life initiative that rolls out this year.

In the DRC, pray that the local churches working with World Relief are able to successfully serve the most vulnerable in their communities, especially the large-scale food security response in Tanganyika Province. Pray for the health and protection of World Relief staff and families amid COVID-19, for political stability in the DRC and for an end to increasing murders and kidnappings.

**Our Strategic Ministry Involvement**

**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 that God would direct the right women to Amirah’s safe house and provide them with the hope, care and restorative services they need. Pray for more volunteers to be trained and that Amirah is able to fill the needed spots for coverage in the house, especially for overnight shift leaders.

**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 Face of Justice remains a refuge of hope, an escape from the danger of the streets and a breath of fresh air for women who live and work in the Red Zone. May Casa Libertad (Freedom House) be a place of safety and a source of restoration and healing for these young ladies. Pray for Steve and Elizabeth that they are granted divine wisdom and peace as they lead this ministry. Pray for the leadership team and the staff to remain strong, be protected from discouragement and bring hope to the women they work with.

**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 safety of the Fountain of Hope staff as they travel from village to village to bring the love of Jesus to these remote communities. May the Lord give wisdom, grace, direction and creativity to the staff. Pray for those impacted by immense flooding that destroyed many houses and 75 percent of the region’s crops.
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 for the 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. May there be an awareness and recognition of “a task unfinished” in their lives, and may they mobilize and act on these opportunities.

Nazareth Evangelical College
Training indigenous leaders (primarily Arab Christians) for the church in Israel and the Middle East, specializing in pastoral training, conferences and workshops on forgiveness.

Pray that the pandemic in Israel subsides and the college is able to reopen and continue to teach and equip Arab Christians for church leadership. 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.

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

Pray that the women who come find refuge from the bondage of the streets and a place to step into a transformed life. May they find sustainable job opportunities and economic stability. Grant Restore organizational resilience as they juggle all the complexities that come with serving survivors of trafficking. Enable them to reach new victims of trafficking during these times of economic instability and crisis.
Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.

Romans 12:9

A woman returning home with the bag of rice given to her by CSS during the pandemic.
# Walnut Hill Community Church

## Church in Action Partners

These are our partners and where and how they serve.

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