



GLOBAL OUTREACH

MCLEAN BIBLE CHURCH

MBC MISSIONARIES

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McLean Bible Church (MBC) Missionaries are sent out from MBC to cross geographic, cultural, and/or linguistic barriers as part of a missionary team focused on advancing the gospel, making disciples, and multiplying churches, primarily among unreached peoples and places.

MBC missionaries are current, active, MBC members in good standing when sent. They live outside the United States for the spread of the gospel. In addition, they have progressed through a process of evaluation, training, and affirmation by Global Outreach leaders and have been commissioned by MBC.

**For missionaries living in countries where being a Christian could compromise their security or the security of their fellow workers, pseudonyms and regions are used.*

JOSEPH & JENNIFER

SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST SINCE 2012

Major Religion: Islam

Joshua Project Status: Unreached

% Evangelical: Less than 0.5% (1 in 200)

Joseph first attended MBC in the 1990s after graduating from college. He gained a vision for cross-cultural work while on an MBC short-term trip. Later, he completed his theological studies, earning a doctorate in theology. As a teenager, Jennifer taught backyard Bible clubs and Sunday school classes. She met Joseph in seminary, then served for five years in East Asia before they married, where she researched languages and studied minority-group cultures.

Joseph and Jennifer's current work in the Middle East centers on providing theological education and leadership training to believers, especially those from a Muslim background. Joseph teaches at an evangelical seminary and leads a discipleship group for men off campus.

Jennifer loves being a mom to their two children, and she also leads a Bible study for local women. She often visits her neighbors with the goal of sharing Christ.

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2023:

Joseph and Jennifer were greatly encouraged last year as the Lord provided three new teammates and a small group of students to launch a new training. One local leader who received training came from a people group where he was the only believer. He wrote to report that in 2023, his network baptized three new believers from local tribes. He was excited because “lately, more and more people from the local tribes have accepted Christ after a long time of praying and waiting.”

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would unite their missionary team to love one another and partner together effectively.
- That God would multiply their team’s time and abilities to be fruitful in evangelism and discipleship.
- That God would protect their families, teammates, and students from the enemy’s schemes.

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BEN & ERIN

SERVING IN GERMANY SINCE 2017

Major Religion: Christianity

Joshua Project Status: Partially reached

% Evangelical: 2.12% (1 in 47)

Ben began attending MBC Tysons when he was just two years old. He joined the church when he was fourteen and eventually served on the worship staff for over twenty years. Erin began attending MBC in 1991 and served with Access Ministry staff for seven years. While at MBC, their daughters Elise and Emily were involved in many ministries.

The Roundtrees had an interest in Germany for many years. In 2017, Ben joined Eurobrass, an evangelistic Christian ensemble that tours Germany. The next year, the Roundtrees moved to the Black Forest region of Germany to serve with Artists in Christian Testimony International. They also perform handbell concerts as a way to share the gospel. Plus, God provided a

special-needs school near their town, with a life and job skills training program, that Emily could attend. Elise is now studying at a university in the US.

Germany's historic appreciation for brass music opens many ministry doors. But despite centuries of rich spiritual heritage, Germans are quite secular. Technically, of the eighty million people in Germany, roughly half "belong" to either the Protestant or Catholic Church. But only 4% of Catholics and 3% of Protestants attend church on a regular basis. Among those who are Protestant, even fewer would identify as evangelical.

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2023:

There are still over a million Ukrainian refugees in Germany. Erin leads a monthly support group for four Ukrainian mothers with special-needs children still living in their village. Additionally, for only the third time in their forty-five-year history, Eurobrass had a summer tour. Many people had the opportunity to hear the ensemble and listen to a presentation from God's Word.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would use the concerts (both Eurobrass and handbells) to encourage believers and to present the gospel clearly to non-believers.
- That God would enable them to build meaningful relationships and offer spiritual encouragement to the Ukrainian families with special-needs children in their village.
- That God would bless their daughters and that Ben and Erin would be open to whatever God has planned for them.

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MIRIAM

SERVING IN EGYPT SINCE 2018

Major Religion: Islam

Joshua Project Status: Unreached

% Evangelical: 4.50% (1 in 22)

As a middle schooler, Miriam fell deeply in love with Jesus. She loved reading and was captivated by missionary biographies. In high school, Miriam traveled on several short-term mission trips, and her love for the nations grew. After graduation, she learned a shocking

statistic: only 3% of Christian missionaries are among the world's nearly two billion unreached people. Those numbers lit a fire in her; and from that day, she prepared to spend her life making Christ's name known among the unreached.

Miriam became a member of MBC Tysons in 2016 when her family moved to northern Virginia. She served as a Church Group leader and Global Outreach intern and is glad to be commissioned from MBC.

In 2018, Miriam moved to Egypt. While there is a moderate amount of gospel work taking place in Egypt, much work remains. Many Egyptians will likely never meet a Christian in their lifetime. She and her husband, who is Egyptian, are faithfully working to make Christ known in this region.

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2023:

This past year, Miriam had many opportunities to share her story to help challenge the faith and obedience of local believers. She also had the opportunity to take her Muslim friend to church, which allowed her to openly discuss what she believes and why. Miriam and her husband were able to use their apartment for ministry—hosting regular Bible studies, prayer nights, and game nights, which were a constant source of joy. They have also enjoyed settling into their role as parents to an active toddler.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would provide access to the gospel for Muslims and connect them to healthy local churches.
- That God would help Miriam explore and identify new opportunities for ministry in 2024.
- That God would give Miriam and her husband wisdom and grace as they adjust to parenting a toddler, plus the arrival of a new baby in 2024.

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JAMES & LYRIC

SERVING IN KAZAKHSTAN SINCE 2018

Major Religion: Islam

Joshua Project Status: Minimally reached

% Evangelical: 1.67% (1 in 60)

James and Lyric were born and raised in Southeast Asia. They later emigrated to the United

States to raise their children and are now blessed with grandchildren. They have faithfully served MBC Tysons as members for many years and were involved in a home Bible study and various MBC fellowships. After retiring, James and Lyric began to wonder if God wanted them to use their time to live and serve among unreached peoples. They searched the Scriptures, sought counsel from MBC leaders, and prayed for God's direction.

It was clear that their thirty years of international development experience had prepared them for life overseas. They now live in the Muslim-majority country of Kazakhstan. In this context, it is hard to establish deep relationships with other Christians. That's why James and Lyric spend time training local pastors and leaders through a program called Transformational Development (TD). They equip local churches to serve the practical needs of their communities. By meeting these needs, they can build relationships, which in turn opens the door for gospel proclamation.

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2023:

In 2023 James and Lyric were granted long-term visas after five years of waiting! This means they will no longer have to cross the border every thirty days and can now spend their time in-country more effectively. Their organization is also now fully operational as a legal entity with official bank accounts. After years of planning, they were finally able to implement the TD training program through a local church. The community has a diverse group of unreached peoples composed of Kazakhs, Karakalpaks, Turkic, Uyghurs, Roma, Ukrainians, and Russians. The pastor and the local government have an open working relationship, allowing the potential for further gospel proclamation.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would give their team safety and health.
- That God would continue to help the local village where the TD training was started. That it would prosper and succeed and would create opportunities for the gospel to spread.
- That God would bring peace and stability to Kazakhstan.

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STEPHANY

SERVING IN GERMANY SINCE 2018

Major Religion: Christianity

Joshua Project Status: Partially reached

% Evangelical: 2.12% (1 in 47)

As a child, Stephany saw many cultures firsthand and developed an interest in living abroad that grew over time. At eighteen, she aspired to serve the Lord overseas and waited for an opportunity while working after college.

Stephany first visited MBC Arlington in 2015. Soon after she became a member and began to serve as a Church Group co-leader and in other areas of the church as needed.

Stephany now lives in Germany. She supports and trains missionaries in over twenty countries through a missions organization. In addition to her work with church planters, Stephany has plugged into a local church plant. Her husband Andy, who is from Norway, is also a missionary who serves church planters in Europe. They enjoy working for separate organizations that partner with each other for the spread of the gospel among the unreached in Europe.

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2023:

Last year Stephany was encouraged to see her local church plant a new location. They celebrated the baptism of thirteen new believers. It is exciting to see the local impact when people are evangelized, saved, and baptized into the family of Christ. Additionally, she attended a regional church planting conference where pastors and leaders from around the continent prayed for a ten-year goal to see churches planted around Europe.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would help church planting materials to be translated swiftly into 32 major European languages to be used at subsequent training events.
- That God would allow Stephany and Andy to build relationships with their new neighbors in order to share Christ with them.
- That God would raise up more workers to be sent out and healthy churches to be planted throughout Europe.

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BROOK

SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST SINCE 2019

Major Religion: Islam

Joshua Project Status: Unreached

% Evangelical: Less than 0.3% (1 in 333)

Brook grew up in Virginia and attended MBC Tysons as a child. While on an MBC mission trip to the Dominican Republic as a teenager, she was challenged to consider serving the Lord overseas as a missionary.

After college, she served on MBC staff. During those years, her interest in serving overseas continued to grow. After much prayer and counsel, she was commissioned as an MBC missionary in 2019 and moved to a region in the Middle East to minister to Muslims.

In describing her work, she says, “We have all heard of unreached people groups before and their great need, but we must remember that behind each number is a face and a name...God led me to the Middle East to intentionally plant my life here to invest in these people; to see men, women, and communities come to know the radical love of Jesus—the one true God—and to see churches planted, thriving and healthy, in this part of the world.”

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2023:

Over the previous year, Brook continued to build deep relationships with local friends. She was trained in Advanced Trauma Care, which equipped her to minister to women fleeing war and domestic abuse who often live as refugees in a foreign country. Brook has been serving in this location for almost five years and looks forward to the next season of life and ministry.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would protect, strengthen, and unify the local church, especially believers from other faith backgrounds.
- That God would allow the name of Jesus to be proclaimed and worshiped without fear.
- That God would strengthen workers to persevere amidst daily challenges and provide rest.

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HEATHER

SERVING IN INDIA SINCE 2021

Major Religion: Hinduism

Joshua Project Status: Unreached

% Evangelical: Unknown

Heather grew up in a loving, Christian family who prioritized missions and attended a healthy local church. As a young graduate student in DC, she met and married a nonbeliever. A few years after the birth of her second son, her marriage ended.

Later on, she enjoyed a career as a diplomat. She reflects, “I had traveled to more than fifty-five countries and during my overseas postings I attended local churches. In these churches, I served as a Sunday school teacher and hospitality volunteer. Despite this, the hurt, pain, and stigma of my life choices held me back from being vulnerable. Instead, I just became focused internally and even though I prayed and read my Bible, I was not connected significantly to a local church and thus did not grow during this period.”

In 2018, while on a new assignment to DC, Heather began attending MBC Montgomery County and became a member soon after. In a 2019 sermon, Pastor David asked the church, “What if God is calling you for more than just the American [d]ream?” After prayer and counsel, Heather felt the Lord urging her to move overseas. She was equipped and commissioned through the church and is now serving in India as she pursues marketplace opportunities for gospel advancement.

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2023:

Heather has enjoyed working and discipling the women of the church. One highlight of 2023 was that Heather’s church planted a Telugu-speaking church, which has been steadily growing. The church also runs a pastoral internship, which she has been assisting as an admin. Through this internship, the church is able to train up young men to be future church planters.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would continue to bless Heather with wisdom and grace as she serves in her local church.
- That God would help equip the interns to be sent out as faithful church planters.
- That God would save many in this city as churches are mobilized to do evangelism.

- That God would allow a permanent building for the church to be secured, as property owners often do not want to rent to a church.

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TAMI

SERVING IN ETHIOPIA SINCE 2022

Major Religion: Christianity

Joshua Project Status: Reached

% Evangelical: 17.96% (1 in 5)

Although Tami grew up in a Christian home, it was not until a trip to Europe in 1999 that she was converted to Christ. She moved to northern Virginia in 2006 and became a member of MBC Tysons around 2009. Over the years, Tami has been a faithful church member, serving in various roles including Kid's Quest.

In 2019, she traveled with MBC to Ethiopia to engage local churches in caring for orphans. During that trip, she developed a heart for global missions and began to consider serving as a long-term worker in Ethiopia. She eventually learned of an international school in need of teachers. Tami was later commissioned by the church as a marketplace missionary and began serving at an international school in Addis Ababa in 2022. She is currently serving in her second year.

In Ethiopia, the Orthodox Church is the largest religious group; this tradition remains heavily intertwined with Ethiopian culture. Additionally, Islam is on the rise as many Muslims come from surrounding countries as refugees. Tami is leveraging her career for the gospel as she serves children and families, participates in a local church, and continues to learn the local language and culture.

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2023:

Last year, Tami had a front-row seat to see God work in her student's lives. She loved seeing them treasure His Word as they learned to pray and rely on Him. She also matured as a teacher and learned to rest and find power in God's Word.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would bless Tami's students as they learn about Christ and that her life would be worth imitating as she imitates Christ.
- That God would help her grow deep roots in Christ and that her faith would sustain her.
- That God would show Tami how to best invest in other teachers and people who work with vulnerable children and orphans.

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DOUG & SARA SERVING IN UGANDA SINCE 2022

Major Religion: Christianity

Joshua Project Status: Reached

% Evangelical: 33.14% (1 in 30)

Doug and Sara each came to faith in Christ as young children. Doug was very interested in global missions, specifically to Muslims. Sara went on several short-term mission trips, but it wasn't until serving the unreached in India that she developed a similar heart.

Doug and Sara began attending MBC Tysons in 2019 and became members shortly thereafter serving in the Adoption and Foster Care Ministry and in Kid's Quest. They were commissioned as marketplace missionaries in 2021 and relocated their family to Senegal for Doug's job. After spending a year in Senegal, Doug was assigned a new position in Uganda.

Since arriving in Uganda, they have become members of a local church where they serve in the children's ministry and Doug helps disciple young men. They also regularly host a women's prayer group and gatherings in their home. Sara homeschools the children and the Lord has been working in wonderful ways in their home; one of their children was recently baptized, and the others continue to ask good spiritual questions about the gospel.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would bless their time in their local church and give them boldness to share the gospel and disciple others.
- That God would continue to give Sara endurance, patience, and wisdom as she homeschools the children.

- That God would prepare their family for Doug's last job posting, most likely in the fall of 2024. This will require another move within the continent. They're exploring ways to leverage their time to serve the unreached once the next assignment ends.
- That God would guard the health of their children and keep them safe.

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THOMAS AND TESS

SERVING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA SINCE 2022

Major Religion: Islam

Joshua Project Status: Partially reached

% Evangelical: Less than 3% (1 in 33)

Thomas and Tess both grew up in Christian homes and converted to Christ in grade school. Thomas began attending MBC in 2017 and became a member soon after. He faithfully served in MBC Prince William's prison ministry. Tess started attending MBC in 2018 and served with Kid's Quest.

As a young married couple, Thomas and Tess were spurred on by God's desire for all nations to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. This ignited a desire in them to make the gospel known among the unreached. They were later commissioned as marketplace missionaries in 2022 and relocated to Southeast Asia through Thomas's work.

They are currently living in a major city that is comprised mostly of Muslims. Over the past year, they plugged into a church plant in a very strategic area in the city. This church plant began as a Bible study during the Covid pandemic and grew as more people attended. They eventually formed into a church and are discipling members and raising up leaders. There are several churches in the area, but few are doing evangelism among nationals from other religious backgrounds. The church plant has a vision to proclaim Christ to the many unreached in their city.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would strengthen their church and give them opportunities to share the gospel and disciple others.
- That God would equip local Christians to proclaim Christ to nationals from other religious

backgrounds.

- That God would work in the hearts of government officials and protect local believers.
- That God would establish more healthy churches to proclaim Christ and disciple believers among the unreached.

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REED & CLAIRE

SERVING IN THAILAND SINCE 2023

Major Religion: Buddhism

Joshua Project Status: Unreached

% Evangelical: 1.02% (1 in 98)

Reed and Claire were both raised in the DMV area and lived in northern Virginia for many years. Reed worked as a manager in a manufacturing company, and Claire was a teacher and reading specialist. They were each converted as adults. As faithful members of MBC Prince William, they served in Kid's Quest, Access, and Global Outreach. They have two children.

Reed and Claire had no plans to engage in global missions, but things dramatically shifted after an MBC short-term trip in 2019 when they developed an interest in serving overseas among the unreached.

While they did not feel strongly about a specific people or place, they received counsel from the church and the Lord provided an opportunity to serve in Thailand. They were commissioned as MBC missionaries and moved to Thailand in the summer of 2023.

In Thailand, Claire is serving as a teacher in an international school where she is able to minister to local children. Their family joined a church plant, where Reed is working with other missionaries to proclaim Christ locally. He is concentrating on learning the language over the next several years.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would help Claire and their children to transition smoothly at school and connect with friends who will strengthen their faith.
- That God would help the entire family learn the Thai language, especially Reed as he hopes

to engage in evangelistic activities in Thai.

- That God would help Reed and Claire connect well with the existing missionary team and their new church.

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KEN & RUTH

SERVING IN CENTRAL ASIA SINCE 2023

Major Religion: Islam

Joshua Project Status: Unreached

% Evangelical: Less than 0.1% (1 in 1000)

Ken and Ruth were both raised in the DC area. They each separately heard the gospel, believed in Jesus as Lord, and developed a strong desire to take the gospel to those who had never heard the good news. They first moved overseas in 2002 and served among an unreached people group for the next twelve years, working to start and strengthen local churches.

Ken and Ruth then returned to the States for a season. During that time, they served on staff at MBC. As MBC members, they developed a deep love for MBC and served in different ministries, including Global Outreach and Church Groups. They faithfully and consistently prayed for the unreached, and God continued to draw their hearts to those who had little to no access to the gospel.

In 2023, after much prayer and counsel from church leadership, Ken and Ruth returned overseas so Ken could serve as the lead pastor of an international church in an unreached megacity in Central Asia. This church is one of the few Christian churches in a city of close to twenty million people! They ask their MBC family to pray for them fervently as they serve!

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would show favor to their ministry and bless the work of their hands.
- That God would protect and bless the church where they serve.
- That God would help the members of their church to grow more like Christ and to love one another deeply.
- That God would guide them to lead well, with godly character, humility, grace, and love for the saints.

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JAMES & GRACE

SERVING IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA

Major Religion: Islam

Joshua Project Status: Minimally Reacher

% Evangelical: Less than 1.50% (1 in 67)

James and Grace began attending MBC Montgomery Country in 2018 after moving to the DMV area from the Midwest. James worked as a physician; Grace served in a parachurch ministry teaching the Bible to women while working part-time as a researcher. As members of MBC, they served as Church Group leaders, and as volunteers in the church nursery along with their two sons.

Their interest in serving among the unreached in the Middle East began over seven years ago. Grace was serving on their church's global outreach volunteer team; and in 2016, they attended a missions conference for healthcare workers. At that conference, as James puts it, "God hit me over the head" with the prospect of serving the unreached in countries that are typically closed to missionaries but open to professionals, like specialized physicians. Since that pivotal moment, their family continued to pursue the possibility of serving God overseas.

James and Grace chose to attend MBC in part because of its focus on missions and desire to make disciples of all nations. They were further equipped through the church; and in 2023, God opened the door for James and Grace to move to the Arabian Peninsula through James's occupation. They have since plugged into a healthy church and are transitioning to their new life as they seek to proclaim Christ in this Muslim-majority context.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would draw them closer to Him as a family and give them grace with one another—many workers experience a difficult season of transition during their first year.
- That God would help their teenage sons adjust to their new school and make meaningful friendships.
- That God would direct next steps for their oldest son, a senior in high school, as he begins applying to colleges.

- That God would use each member of their family to make Jesus known and to serve as faithful members of the church.

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