



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 2025:

During the last academic year, the Equipping Servant Leaders (ESL) training began with its first cohort. Despite challenges, the team celebrated the graduation of one dedicated student. They also accepted three new students to start ESL training this past fall. In the spring, five videos titled From Our Forgotten History were launched, highlighting the history of Christianity among the Arabs, which will serve as an evangelistic tool in the region.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would guide the ESL team to pursue holiness, love, and unity.
- That God would provide protection for the students and ensure the effectiveness of the ESL training in 2025 and 2026.
- That God would deepen and grow the Middle Eastern church amidst suffering and bring an end to conflicts in the region.
- That God would bless their boys with meaningful friendships and help them flourish this school year..

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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 2025:

Last year, Eurobrass organized a workshop for forty-five brass players in southern Germany. The quintet played six performances and embarked on a summer concert tour, sharing the gospel across the country. Ben's new Amazing Grace Brass Ensemble also shared the gospel through performances. In December, four handbell concerts took place, including a special collaboration with local Ukrainian musicians for a refugee church service. Ongoing support for Ukrainian families with special needs children in the village continued to bring hope and joy.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would give Ben creative ways to share the gospel through his ministry.
- That God would guide the summer 2026 Eurobrass tour and CD recording.
- That God would ensure the success of the Orchestra missions trip in fall 2026.
- That God would strengthen relationships with the Ukrainian families in the village, especially with those who have children with special needs.

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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 2025:

Miriam was blessed to spend extended time in the States last year, where she was refreshed by worshipping in English, connecting with her family, and sharing about the Lord's work in Egypt with others. It was truly life-giving. During this time, the Lord also called her mother-in-law to heaven after a prolonged battle with cancer. They find comfort in knowing she is now with her Savior.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would cultivate an understanding of missionary sending and support within local churches, inspiring Egyptian believers to leave their homes in major cities to serve among the unreached in smaller towns and villages.
- That God would send workers to the Delta region, home to 58% of Egypt's population but only 7% of churches, where challenges like radical Islam and poor infrastructure persist. Pray for provision and protection for those serving there.
- That God would bless their family with unity, wisdom, guidance, strength, obedience, and joy amidst daily challenges.
- The God would continue to bless Miriam and her husband with wisdom as they parent their children.

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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 2025:

Last year, a TD process was initiated in a village to train church members. Initially hesitant, the church identified low household income as a major issue. The pastor's wife started a chicken egg-laying business, receiving a loan despite cultural advice against it. By mid-2025, the loan was repaid, incentivizing two other church members to start their own businesses. As success stories were shared in the community, five nonmembers, including a nonbeliever, also launched egg businesses. The pastor now views this group as a potential foundation for future church planting.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would ignite a passion in the local church for evangelism and discipleship.
- That God would guide the pastor to use the Business Club as an avenue for Bible study and gospel proclamation.
- That God would prosper the business endeavors and use them as a testimony in the community.
- That God would grant James and Lyric health, strength, and wisdom to discern their next

steps.

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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 2025:

Last year, Stephany's local church held regular prayer and worship nights, followed by evangelism training and street outreach, resulting in conversions and a young woman entering discipleship. God moved powerfully among the youth, and the church celebrated twenty-nine baptisms in the surrounding Bavarian lakes. Additionally, the ministry partnered with denominations in Switzerland, Denmark, Austria, and Hungary to facilitate church-planting training, which inspired leaders with a desire to plant new churches.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would raise up new missionaries to serve churches and ministries in Germany and the Euro-Med region.
- That God would prepare churches to disciple the increasing number of converts and bless pastors and church-planting teams with opportunities to serve and share Jesus.

- That God would guide translation projects to effectively serve local churches in their native languages, meeting specific needs.
- That God would protect the marriages, health, and families of pastors, leaders, missionaries, and local believers as they faithfully carry out the Great Commission.

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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 2025:

Last year, the church appointed two new elders, both former pastoral interns, with one aiming to plant a Telugu-speaking church in a remote village. The church also reached outward, partnering with other organizations to hold workshops and seminars in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Their Telugu website provided free gospel-centered materials to thousands of

Telugu-speaking Christians worldwide.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would spread the gospel throughout India, allowing people to share and accept it without fear.
- That God would grant church elders and deacons wisdom to serve with reverence and love, living Christ-centered lives.
- That God would grant the church deeper unity and keep them connected to the body of Christ.
- That God would guide Heather to demonstrate Christlike leadership, complete her ministry tasks, prioritize rest, and lead her to her next assignment after India.

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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.

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2025:

Last year, by God's grace, ministry work in the region flourished, and the church expanded and grew in unity. The team completed additional translation work, making the Scriptures more accessible in multiple languages. They hosted equipping conferences that encouraged Thai Christians and churches. Gospel partnerships with other Thai churches deepened, fostering greater collaboration within the community.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would continue to help Reed quickly and accurately learn the language, as he has been scoring well on assessment markers.
- That God would create meaningful bonds for Reed within the Thai community that open the door for gospel proclamation.
- That God would help both Reed and Claire flourish in new roles and responsibilities they have each assumed this year.
- That God would continue to help their children enjoy school, grow in their relationships with the Lord, and enjoy the friendships He has provided.

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KEN & RUTH

SERVING IN CENTRAL ASIA SINCE 2023

Major Religion: Islam

Joshua Project Status: Unreached

% Evangelical: 0.0%

**Self-professing evangelicals unverified in this county*

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!

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2025:

Last year, Ken and Ruth rejoiced when they were finally granted residency after an eighteen-month period of challenges, marking a significant answer to prayer. They were further heartened to see church members maturing through faithful spiritual disciplines and ordinary means of grace in their lives as they engaged in God's Word, prayer, and by boldly sharing the gospel with others. The church also welcomed many new members, which brought encouragement and gratitude to the congregation. They also experienced the joy of celebrating multiple baptisms.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would bless the preaching and teaching of His Word.
- That God would continue to grant them residency in this country.
- That God would strengthen them on hard days and help them to walk faithfully, placing their hope in Him.

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JAMES & GRACE

SERVING IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA

Major Religion: Islam

Joshua Project Status: Minimally Reached

% 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.

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2025:

In 2025, a classmate of their eldest son attended church for the first time and continued participating in more church activities throughout the summer. The church ordained five new elders, hired an associate pastor, and celebrated many baptisms, including seven in one Sunday. The church also launched a thriving Friday night ministry for teens and young adults. James and other members actively connected with nonbelievers, including his coworker and his wife, who began attending weekly church activities and Bible studies.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would grant grace and wisdom to their family as their older son began attending college in the US last fall, and that He would help their younger son adjust to life as an only child at home.
- That God would help their older son get rooted in a new church home in DC and find deep Christian community.
- That God would guide James and Grace as they reach out to nonbelievers in their spheres of influence.
- That God would bless and grow their local church, increasing their gospel witness.

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DAVID & KRISTEN

SERVING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA SINCE 2024

Major Religion: Buddhism

Joshua Project Status: Unreached

% Evangelical: Less than 2% (1 in 50)

David and Kristen met in college while serving on a short-term trip. They began attending MBC in 2006 and became active, faithful church members. They served in various capacities, from leading kids, college, and Church Group ministries, to participating in local outreach. Kristen also served on staff, and together they played a role in launching the MBC Maryland location.

In 2019, David and Kristen, along with their three young children, moved to Southeast Asia to spread the gospel. Over three years, they worked in communications, learned the local language, and served in a small village church, where they taught children's Sunday school and hosted an evangelistic kids' club.

Upon returning to the US in 2022, David and Kristen rejoined MBC Montgomery as members while simultaneously serving at a DC-area church attended by people who spoke the Southeast Asian target language they were learning. Kristen disciplined young women, and David regularly preached. With prayer and guidance from MBC leadership, they made the decision to return to Southeast Asia in the summer of 2024. They are now collaborating with a team to support the local church, encourage pastors, mentor young adults, and care for local communities.

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2025:

Last fall, they helped with flood relief, connecting with a wheelchair ministry to provide a specialized wheelchair for a family's ill daughter. Their church celebrated the baptism of six people, including a young couple, an elderly woman, and her daughter, and two youths, gifting Bibles to each. They also attended a language school intensive and participated in outreach activities and English clubs. During one club, a young man accepted Christ, boosting attendance as others sought to learn about God.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would bless David and Kristen's daily language studies.
- That God would direct them in using their time strategically as they enter year two, freeing up time outside of language classes.
- That God would guide them in actively discipling new believers at their church.
- That God would bless David's opportunities to teach periodically at their church.

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SAMUEL & SIERRA SERVING IN ITALY SINCE 2025

Major Religion: Roman Catholic

Joshua Project Status: Superficially reached

% Evangelical: 1.5% (1 in 67)

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

As a young married couple, Samuel and Sierra 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. By leveraging a job opportunity overseas, they were commissioned as marketplace missionaries and served in Southeast Asia from 2022-2024.

During their time in Southeast Asia, they plugged into a local church plant where they helped disciple church members and faithfully supported evangelism among a majority Muslim population. After returning to DC for a brief time, they relaunched to another job opportunity in Rome, Italy in 2025. There they serve with an MBC partner church, Breccia di Roma, as the church works to preach the Word, teach sound doctrine, evangelize, provide theological training, and serve refugees and the poor in a highly apathetic and culturally Roman Catholic country. They also welcomed their first child in the fall of 2025.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That God would bless Samuel and Sierra with a strong, healthy marriage as they enter

parenthood overseas.

- That God would ensure their daughter's healthy development and guide her to know and love Jesus.
- That God would open the hearts of those who hear the gospel from Samuel and Sierra, leading them to conversion.
- That God would strengthen Breccia di Roma's leaders and congregants, helping them grow in faith as they serve their city.

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