



The Cooperative  
Baptist Fellowship's  
Yearlong Guide  
to Prayer

2020-21

# Prayers of the People

# Ways to Use this Guide

*Prayers of the People* is a yearlong guide to prayer that invites you to explore how your prayers intersect with CBF field personnel, ministries and partners around the world. This guide is a tool for forming together in shared ministry.

## Individual Sacred Space

Each day, create time and space in your home or workplace to consider the prayer requests. Pray for transformation and for the courage to be open to God's love. Discuss with God your connection with this particular ministry or a local variant.

## Small Group Experience

Use *Prayers of the People* in a mission-oriented group, a prayer group or a Sunday school class. Ask your group members to consider the prayer request within a section's particular prayer theme.

## Worship Gathering

Create a monthly "Mission Moment" in your worship, sharing a story or prayer request from the prayer guide. Use the guide to shape a children's sermon or reflection time during worship.

## Family Time

*Prayers of the People* is a great tool to teach children about the various aspects and experiences of prayer. Allow each child to look at the photos and ask questions. Explore other information about the culture of the people for whom you are praying.

## Children's Programs

Mission teachers of *Form™* and *Spark™* can use the guide to make connections with the lessons they are teaching. Share copies of *Prayers of the People* with parents and families of children.

## More Prayer Resources

To receive updates as well as more detailed and current prayer requests from CBF field personnel, visit [www.cbf.net/pray](http://www.cbf.net/pray). Subscribe to CBF's weekly e-newsletter to receive regular *Prayer Associates* updates. Download copies to share with others.

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# August 30–September 5, 2020

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

*Psalm 119:33*



**Jenny Jenkins**  
Grand Goâve, Haiti  
[www.cbf.net/jenkins](http://www.cbf.net/jenkins)

Jenny Jenkins serves through medical and relational ministries in Grand Goâve, Haiti, where she felt the call to live and minister full-time in 2008. She began working on the relief effort in the aftermath of the earthquake in 2010.

Grand Goâve is a rural community approximately 60 miles southwest of Haiti's capital. Many of the 125,000 people of Grand Goâve are farmers, tradesmen, small business owners and educators. Ninety percent of the population lives in the mountains and countryside with limited access to medical care and other services, including electricity. A lack of literacy, education and business skills plagues the community and there is an overwhelming need for full-time work. But God's presence is strong and the local churches are active in discipleship, education and other efforts to transform the community.

Jenny is working to build a free-standing health center in the village of Magandou. This outpatient facility will serve the 15,000+ in this community and even more in the surrounding area.

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5 Eddie Aldape, Spain (FP)  
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5 David D'Amico, Emeritus (FP)

### Staff Members

30 Becky Buice Hall (S-Decatur)

# September 6–12, 2020

The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

*Exodus 15:2*



**Rick Burnette**  
U.S. Disaster Response  
[www.cbf.net/burnette](http://www.cbf.net/burnette)

Rick Burnette was appointed to manage CBF Domestic Disaster Response in collaboration with CBF state and regional organizations and other partners for disaster mitigation and response. For over three decades, Rick and his wife, Ellen, have been engaged in international agriculture development ministry.

Founding Cultivate Abundance in 2017, Rick and Ellen are engaged in the nonprofit's efforts to serve farmworker families in Immokalee, Florida, and beyond. Immokalee is a small farming town of approximately 20,000. Although much of America's wintertime tomatoes and other crops are grown there, Immokalee has a poverty rate of almost 45 percent. The economic and food access challenges of many Immokalee residents are rooted in their migrant worker status.

The mission of Cultivate Abundance—which works alongside the CBF Rural Americas team, CBF Florida and Together for Hope, CBF's rural development coalition—is to address food insecurity among those who harvest our food by mobilizing appropriate resources to alleviate hunger and by encouraging small-scale food production within low income, migrant farmworker communities.

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# September 13–19, 2020

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

*Philippians 1:27*



## Jon and Tanya Parks

Košice, Slovakia

[www.cbf.net/parks](http://www.cbf.net/parks)

Jon and Tanya Parks serve among the Roma community in Košice, Slovakia, and surrounding areas. Despite their status as Europe's largest ethnic minority group, many Roma—especially in Slovakia and other Eastern European countries—experience discrimination and live in generational cycles of poverty and dependence. Jon and Tanya believe that education and the Gospel can make the biggest difference in forming a new future for Roma communities.

Through teaching English and leading clubs at a school for Roma children and teaching English classes around the city and region, Jon and Tanya provide opportunities for Roma to gain skills that help lift them out of cycles of poverty and oppression. The Parks desire to see gospel transformation within Roma communities so that unheard Roma voices may be amplified and they can find their place in the global community and God's Kingdom.

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17 Angela Clark, Matthews, NC (CH)  
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17 Tammy Latimer, Springfield, MO (CH)  
17 George Rossi, Charleston, SC (CH)  
19 Cari Willis, Benson, NC (CH)

### Church Starters

13 Ron McCaskill (CST)

### Staff Members

15 Martha Perusek (S-Decatur)  
18 Brandeis Tullos (S-Decatur)

# September 20–26, 2020

We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

*Psalm 78:4*



## CBF Networks

[www.cbf.net/networks](http://www.cbf.net/networks)

CBF Ministry Networks are a great place for you to connect around your passion or practice, to become better at what you do, to find a community of support and encouragement and to ask questions about your area of ministry or engagement. CBF Ministry Networks exist to provide support, encouragement, resources and conversation around similar passions and practices. Networks vary in size, commitment, gathering times and obligations. Current CBF networks include:

- Affirming Network of CBF
- CBF Advocacy Network
- CBF Children's Ministry Network
- CBF Christian Educators Network
- CBF Church Starters Network
- CBF College Ministry/Young Adult Ministry Network
- CBF Disaster Response Network
- CBF Endorsed Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors
- CBF Environmental Stewardship Network
- CBF Mission Leaders Network
- CBF Senior Pastors Network
- CBF South Africa Network
- CBF Youth Ministry Network
- Familia - CBF Latino Network
- Pan-African Koinonia
- Peer Learning Group Conveners
- Polyphony - Fellowship of Pastoral Musicians

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20 Adam Ridenhour, Winston Salem, NC (CH)  
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### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

20 Tanya Parks, Slovakia (FP)  
24 Juniper, 2015, China (FPC)  
25 Angel Pittman, Miami, FL (FP)

# September 27–October 3, 2020

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

*Philippians 2:3*



## Angel Pittman

Miami, Florida

[www.cbf.net/pittman](http://www.cbf.net/pittman)

Angel Pittman serves in Miami, Fla., as educational advocate. As a former educator, Angel has served in educational ministries for over 20 years, including 15 years at Touching Miami with Love. She and her family live and serve in the community of Overtown, a historic African-American neighborhood where only 45 percent of adults earn a high school diploma. Children from under-resourced communities like Overtown struggle with higher rates of untreated trauma, disproportional biases in school and lack of learning supports that impede their success and continue the cycle of poverty.

Angel's multi-faceted role includes a variety of ways she is seeking to impact educational inequities:

- Supporting, resourcing and advocating alongside low-income parents of special needs children
- Promoting impactful church and public school partnerships
- Advocating on behalf of public school children on a local, state and national level
- Supporting CBF field personnel through enhancing educational ministries
- Encouraging the implementation of proven sustainability models for educational focused ministries.
- Developing resources for the CBF network for relationship building with and in support of public schools

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29 John Harris, Pelham, AL (PC)  
30 Rachel Webb, College Station, TX (CH)

3 Andrew Finkler, Fayetteville, NC (CH)

### Church Starters

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1 Tina Bailey, Southeast Asia (FP)  
2 Maha Boulos, Lebanon (FP)  
2 Keith Holmes, Netherlands (FP)  
3 Jonathan Bailey, Southeast Asia (FP)  
3 Matt Norman, Spain (FP)

# October 4–10, 2020

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

*Matthew 21:43*



## Jonathan and Tina Bailey

Bali, Indonesia

[www.cbf.net/bailey](http://www.cbf.net/bailey)

Jonathan and Tina Bailey serve in Bali, Indonesia, with emphasis on spiritual expression through music, dance and visual arts both inside and outside the local Christian community.

The majority of Bali's population is Balinese who practice a unique form of Hinduism but many religions and cultures are represented on the island. Bali is also home to a diverse community of people from around the world who have migrated there for work or to explore a way of life that is less driven by consumerism. Many who migrate to Bali are involved in the arts, as Bali has a deep artistic culture.

Within the Christian church in Bali, the Baileys encourage artists to stay connected to their culture using the music, dance and visual arts of their native community, offering culturally appropriate forms for the local church. Outside the church, Jonathan and Tina encourage artists through the Narwastu Art Community, which they organized in 2005. This community is made up of musicians and dancers from around the world who learn and collaborate together alongside a core group of Balinese and internationals who call Bali their home.

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8 Robb Small, Geismar, LA (CH)  
10 Larry Aaron, Danville, VA (CH)  
10 Joseph Boone, Cold Spring, KY (CH)  
10 Beth Duke, Smithville, TN (CH)  
10 Cinda Smith, Batesville, AR (CH)  
10 Jay Martin, Woodland Park, CO (PC)  
10 Tina Woody, Spartanburg, SC (CH)

### Church Starters

10 Fredricc Brock, San Antonio, TX (CST)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

5 Jo Ann Hopper, Emeritus (FP)

### Staff Members

7 Mary Kaylor (S-North Carolina)  
8 Lucas Dorian (S-Alabama)

# October 11–17, 2020

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

*Isaiah 25:1*



## Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey

New York City, New York

[www.cbf.net/tommey](http://www.cbf.net/tommey)

Lesley-Ann journeys with the most vulnerable in the neighborhood of Hell's Kitchen, New York, offering support and resources alongside Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries. Through her ministry, Lesley-Ann extends hospitality, builds community and works to empower survivors of domestic violence, veterans experiencing homelessness and students seeking greater educational opportunities to realize their own transformation.

Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries seeks to encourage the social, educational, spiritual and economic growth of the Hell's Kitchen community, offering non-sectarian, multifaceted educational opportunities and direct services to community residents.

The Hell's Kitchen neighborhood supports a highly diverse community, including a vibrant Hispanic and Latino population. On the streets of Hell's Kitchen, where the midtown bustle often drowns out the needs of Manhattan's most vulnerable, Metro Baptist Church is a consistent and life-giving presence among the city's most marginalized white, black and Latino communities.

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13 John Painter, Charleston, SC (CH)  
13 Gretchen Watson, Louisville, KY (PC)  
14 Yarelis Montex de Oca, Miami FL (CH)  
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### Church Starters

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### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

11 Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey, New York, NY (FP)  
12 Ben Newell, Emeritus (FP)  
13 Bob Newell, Emeritus (FP)  
13 Fran Turner, Emeritus (FP)

# October 18–24, 2020

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Thessalonians 1:2-3*



**Missy Ward-Angalla**  
Kampala, Uganda  
[www.cbf.net/ward](http://www.cbf.net/ward)

Missy Ward-Angalla serves in Kampala, Uganda, where she and her husband, Francis, serve as the co-directors of Amani Sasa Ministries.

Missy and the team at Amani Sasa minister among vulnerable and at-risk urban refugees from more than six different countries. Their team seeks to love their refugee neighbors by offering them safety, wholeness and empowerment so that they can live into their God-given purpose. Their services include emergency food, medical and housing services, counseling and in-depth trauma rehabilitation and empowerment programs. This ministry serves more than 400 people annually.

Amani Sasa's trauma rehabilitation programs include a shelter recovery program for women who have faced abuse and exploitation; a men's rehabilitation and empowerment program; and a program for young moms coming from abuse and exploitation where they can heal from trauma and learn vocational, parenting and education skills. This program includes a nursery for children one to three years. Amani Sasa also has a healing and empowerment program for single moms and widows and a scholarship program for refugee children.

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18 Danny Garnett, Irmo, SC (PC)  
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20 Luke Langston, Durham, NC (CH)  
20 Richard Brown, Roanoke VA (CH)  
22 Keith Cooper, Lubbock, TX (CH)  
22 Paul Robertson, Sugar Land, TX (CH)  
23 John Lassitter, Martindale, TX (CH)  
23 Carl Price, Lebanon, TN (CH)  
23 John Ray Roberts, Charleston, SC (CH)  
23 Michael Weaver, Beaumont, TX (CH)  
24 Charles Lumpkin, Greensboro, NC (CH)  
24 Wes Monfalcone, Casselberry, FL (CH)  
24 Robert Powell, Birmingham, AL (CH)  
24 Rick Ruano, North Miami Beach, FL (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

20 Annette Ellard, Louisville, KY (FP)  
22 Missy Ward-Angalla, Uganda (FP)

### Staff Members

18 Jenine Crew (S-Decatur)

# October 25–31, 2020

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor.

*Leviticus 19:15*



## Kirk and Suzie Thailand

[www.cbf.net/kirksuzie](http://www.cbf.net/kirksuzie)

Kirk and Suzie serve among the Bisu people of Southeast Asia. For over 20 years, they have sought to testify to God's power to transform lives through their work in literacy, Bible translation and advocacy.

The Bisu New Testament was published in October 2015—in written form, smartphone app and downloadable audio. With these resources, some 15 Bisu individuals are bearing witness to Jesus Christ, have formed a church and are becoming a healing presence in their community.

Kirk and Suzie continue to work on translation of the Old Testament and adapting the New Testament for related language groups in three countries. They are also involved in literacy and education projects for several other marginalized ethnic minority groups.

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29 Troy Todd, Sneads Ferry, NC (CH)  
30 Richard Brown, Troutville, VA (CH)  
30 Hazel Thomas, Arlington, TX (CH)  
31 Abina Johnson, New Orleans, LA (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

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26 Dean Dickens, Emeritus (FP)  
29 Mike Hutchinson, Togo (FP)

### Staff Members

31 Phyllis Boozer (S-Northeast)  
25 Panina Goldston (S-Decatur)

# November 1–7, 2020

But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

*Micah 3:8*



**Karen Alford**  
Mbarara, Uganda  
[www.cbf.net/alford](http://www.cbf.net/alford)

Karen Alford has served in Mbarara, Uganda, since January of 2017. Before that, she served in Indonesia for nine years, providing earthquake and tsunami relief, as well as treating patients and building a long-term community health program.

Karen partners with Medical Teams International (MTI) in Southwest Uganda to help meet the medical needs of incoming refugees. She works in the Nakivale and Oruchinga refugee settlements which serve an estimated population of 120,840 refugees, mainly from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Burundi, Rwanda, Somalia, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Eritrea.

Karen sees patients and focuses on building capacity of local medically-trained staff. Some clinics see more than 500 patients a day with only two to three clinicians. As program advisor, Karen helps implement health projects by facilitating program development, evaluating MTI's projects and contributing to staff development. Most importantly, Karen supports development of MTI mission and vision to demonstrate the love of Christ to people affected by disaster, conflict and poverty around the world.

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2 Mickie Norman, Leland, NC (CH)  
2 Ryan Yaun, Wetumpka, AL (CH)  
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3 David Reid, Boise, ID (CH)  
4 Mary Stinson, Berea, KY (CH)  
4 Mark Westebbe, Waynesboro, VA (CH)  
4 Tarvick Linder, Durham NC (CH)  
5 Cameron Gunnin, San Antonio, TX (CH)  
6 Kyle Fishbaugh, Fayetteville, NC (CH)  
6 Gloria Hopper, Monroe NC (CH)  
6 Meghan McSwain, Winston-Salem, NC (CH)  
7 Craig Butler, Sugar Land, TX (CH)  
7 Pat Coley, Guam (CH)  
7 Darrell Hudson, Georgetown, TX (CH)

### Church Starters

2 Clint Akins, Fort Walton Beach, FL (CST)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

2 Karen Alford, Togo (FP)  
6 Jeff Lee, Macedonia (FP)

### Staff Members

1 Kasey Jones (S-Decatur)

# November 8–14, 2020

His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”

*Matthew 25:23*



## Brooke and Mike

Southeast Asia

[www.cbf.net/brookemike](http://www.cbf.net/brookemike)

Brooke and Mike serve in Southeast Asia among a community to which Christianity is fairly new.

In this community, Brooke and Mike serve alongside the local church in efforts to cultivate beloved community as ministers of hospitality to students, drawing from their city's many college and university campuses. They seek transformational development as they serve the local population through education initiatives and English as a Second Language training in both public and private religious schools, as well as hosting programs in their neighborhood.

Mike and Brooke bear witness to the peace of Christ as they partner with interfaith colleagues to promote religious freedom, interreligious dialogue and reconciliation in a country splintered by religious tensions.

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9 Debby Bradley, Owensboro, KY (CH)  
9 Charles Seligman, Washington, DC (CH)  
9 Audrey Wilson, Durham, NC (CH)  
10 Kevin Crowder, Fredericksburg, VA (CH)  
10 Holly Johnson, St. Petersburg, FL (CH)  
10 Ralph Mikels, Jr., Seymour, TN (CH)  
11 Scott Blair, Virginia Beach, VA (CH)  
11 Bert Sanders III, Winston-Salem, NC (CH)  
11 Steve Sweatt, Birmingham, AL (PC)  
12 John Lepper (PC)  
13 Gail Smith, Hillsborough, NC (CH)  
13 Cindy Wallace, Sterling, VA (CH)  
14 Katie Anderson, Louisville, KY (CH)

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10 Brooke, Southeast Asia (FP)  
11 Phoebe Khano, 2010, Belgium (FPC)  
13 Shelia Earl, Emeritus (FP)  
13 Earl Martin, Emeritus (FP)

### Staff Members

8 Jay Kieve (S-South Carolina)  
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12 Harry Rowland (S-Decatur)  
13 Devita Parnell (S-Decatur)

# November 15–21, 2020

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Psalms 100:5*



**Eddie and Macarena Aldape**  
Albacete, Spain  
[www.cbf.net/aldape](http://www.cbf.net/aldape)

Eddie and Macarena Aldape minister to immigrants and students in Albacete, Spain. After serving 13 years in India among the Banjara, the Aldapes arrived in Spain in December 2015, where they launched Centro de Esperanza (The Hope Center) to assist immigrants through the registration processes, language acquisition, culture simulation and by directing them to local organizations that can meet their immediate needs.

Many immigrants arriving in Spain have left family behind and find themselves in a state of desperation, seeking to discover opportunities and secure a better life for their families. After facing many obstacles, these immigrants often find themselves alone and hopeless. Centro de Esperanza is a place where these newly-arrived immigrants can encounter the love of Christ and renewed hope.

Students in Spain often have a gloomy future living in a country experiencing a severe financial crisis with an unemployment rate of 45 percent among undergraduates. Many students in Spain are also disillusioned in matters of faith. The Aldapes teach English as a Second Language classes, which provide opportunities to share faith, offer encouragement and provide support to these students.

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15 Elizabeth Eaton, Fredericksburg, VA (CH)  
15 David Simmons, Harrisburg, PA (CH)  
15 Eric Whitfield, Cheyenne, WY (CH)  
16 Andrew Stubblefield, Pensacola FL (CH)  
16 Gloria Hopper, Monroe NC (CH)  
16 Edwin Hollis, Odenville, AL (CH)  
17 Elizabeth Thompson, Littleton, CO (PC)  
17 Benjamin Burton, Louisville, KY (CH)  
18 Elaine Greer, Frankfort, KY (CH)  
18 Kristin Long, Richmond, VA (PC)  
19 Will Kinnaird, Keller, TX (CH)  
19 T. Nancy Cox, Georgetown, KY (CH)  
20 Chuck Christie, Loganville, GA (CH)  
20 Kevin Park, Bellingham, WA (CH)  
21 Fred Madren, Indianapolis, IN (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

16 Anita Snell Daniels, Emeritus (FP)  
21 Janet Pittman, Emeritus (FP)

### Staff Members

18 Jody Long (S-Georgia)  
20 Steven Porter (S-Decatur)

# November 22–28, 2020

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9



## McCall Racial Justice and Leadership Initiative

[www.cbf.net/mccall-initiative](http://www.cbf.net/mccall-initiative)

The purpose of the Dr. Emmanuel McCall Racial Justice and Leadership Initiative is to create avenues for God's imperfect church to move toward meaningful unity among racially diverse communities.

Systemic racism and bigotry are deeply rooted and on full display in the United States. The recent tragic murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks and countless others are reminders that America's original sin still permeates society in the form of police brutality, mass incarceration and inequitable public education. Certainly, this moment requires more from us as a church and as a nation. CBF is committed to long-term racial justice and repair work. We must be willing to be uncomfortable for the sake of personal growth and for the sake of our Gospel witness.

One important aspect of the McCall Initiative is the Emmanuel McCall Racial Equity Fund, which supports CBF's work to increase diversity and inclusion—efforts being led by CBF Global staff and the Pan African Koinonia—as well as other important work of partners and churches across the Fellowship.

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24 Will Barnes, Savannah, GA (CH)  
24 Peggy Gold, Durham, NC (CH)  
24 Will Manley, Johnson City, TN (CH)  
24 David Posey, Medina, TN (CH)  
24 Ruth Santos-Ortiz (CH)  
25 Gary Batchelor, Rome, GA (CH)  
25 Tony Biles, Richfield, NC (CH)  
25 Robert Cooke, Selma, NC (PC)  
25 Ed Farris, Topeka, KS (CH)  
25 Brad Hood, Knoxville, TN (CH)  
25 Chan Shaver, Jamestown, NC (CH)  
25 Lee Weems, Pineville, LA (CH)  
25 Cassandra Wilson, Gahanna, OH (CH)  
26 Carol Fletcher, Athens, GA (CH)  
26 Randy Penneroud, Anderson, SC (CH)  
26 Michael O'Rourke, Fort Campbell, KY (CH)

27 Posey Branscome, Charlotte, NC (CH)  
28 Ronald King, Midland, GA (PC)  
28 Mark Tidsworth, Chapin, SC (PC)

### Church Starters

27 Joshua James, Salisbury, MD (CST)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

22 Becky Smith, Emeritus (FP)  
25 Sue Smith, Fredericksburg, VA (FP)  
27 Macarena Aldape, Spain (FP)  
28 Abigail Parks, 2004, Slovakia (FPC)  
28 Joel Whitley, Emeritus (FP)

### Staff Members

23 Dianne Moore (S-Decatur)  
24 Rob Fox (S-Decatur)

# November 29–December 5, 2020

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

2 Peter 3:8



**Dianne and Shane McNary**  
Slovakia and Czechia  
[www.cbf.net/mcnary](http://www.cbf.net/mcnary)

Dianne and Shane McNary minister among the Roma people in Slovakia and Czechia.

Although the largest minority population in Europe, the Roma experience discrimination in all areas of life—from acceptance in church to education and employment and access to healthcare. Dianne and Shane feel that partnering relationally in the broadest possible way, while maintaining a focus on Roma ministry, allows for a more faithful witness to the possibility of reconciliation in Christ for a fractured world.

In partnership with the Baptist World Alliance and the European Baptist Federation, Shane is leading freedom and justice advocacy efforts in Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia.

Through relational partnerships, Dianne and Shane have seen the transformative power of the Gospel in the lives of Roma friends as well as entire communities.

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29 Paul Mullen, Clemmons, NC (CH)  
30 Jeffrey Ross, Iwakani, Japan (CH)

1 Joseph Farry, Greenville, SC (CH)  
2 Beth Joyner, Rochester, MN (CH)  
2 Connie Beemer, Kirkwood, MO (CH)  
2 Laura Roach, Morgantown, NC (CH)  
2 Daniel Attenberry, Owensboro, KY (CH)  
3 Rosemary Barfield, Jeffersonville, IN (CH)  
3 Ed Beddingfield, Buies Creek, NC (PC)  
3 James Heath, Dry Prong, LA (CH)  
3 David Wilson, Chapel Hill, NC (CH)  
4 Jose Albovias, Louisville, KY (CH)  
5 Kenn Lowther, Columbus, OH (CH)  
5 Chris O'Rear, Nashville, TN (PC)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

30 Lucas Pittman, 2003, Miami, FL (FPC)

3 Shane McNary, Slovakia (FP)  
3 Gennady Podgaitsky, Ukraine (FP)  
4 Elizabeth Richards, Emeritus (FP)

### Staff Members

30 Rick McClatchy (S-Texas)

3 Rachel Gunter Shapard (S-Florida)

# December 6–12, 2020

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Thessalonians 5:23*



**Anna Anderson**  
Rocky Mount, North Carolina  
[www.cbf.net/anderson](http://www.cbf.net/anderson)

Anna Anderson serves alongside her husband, LaCount, in Northeastern North Carolina with Together for Hope, CBF's rural development coalition, focusing on providing poverty relief.

Anna and LaCount are involved with a community in eastern North Carolina called Conetoe. Conetoe is commonly called a "food desert." The Andersons work with the Rev. Richard Joyner and the Conetoe Family Life Center to improve the health of the youth and community by increasing access to healthy foods, increasing physical activity and providing access to health services. The goal is to break the cycle of poverty by improving the resources available to families and children.

Through volunteers, residents, churches and other area organizations, the Center is able to provide healthy foods, resources and education to empower the youth and community. This creates new economic opportunities by engaging the community, whose history is rooted in the land, restoring sustainable resources, building partnerships, collaboration and self-preservation.

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7 Robert Wilder, Jacksonville, FL (CH)  
8 Tommy Deal, Dalton, GA (CH)  
8 Edward Erwin, Pensacola, FL (CH)  
8 Shane Gaster, Deland, FL (CH)  
8 Virginia King, Columbia, SC (CH)  
8 Donald Kriner, Canton, GA (CH)  
9 Robert Gregory, MD (CH)  
9 Wayne Hyatt, Spartanburg, SC (PC)  
9 Herman Meza, Italy, (CH)  
10 Beth Roberts, Chapel Hill, NC (CH)  
10 Gary Strickland, Sioux Falls, ID (PC)  
10 James Williams, Montgomery, AL (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

9 Julie Brown, Emeritus (FP)

### Staff Members

10 Terri Byrd (S-Alabama)

# December 13–19, 2020

Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

2 Samuel 7:16



## Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors

[www.cbf.net/chaplaincy](http://www.cbf.net/chaplaincy)

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship currently has more than 810 endorsed chaplains and pastoral counselors who are actively serving in a variety of specialized settings. CBF-endorsed chaplains serve in each branch of the United States Armed Forces, medical centers, correctional institutions, hospice organizations, police, fire and rescue departments, colleges and universities, businesses and industries, retirement communities, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Civil Air Patrol as well as in many other specialized settings. CBF-endorsed pastoral counselors serve in counseling centers, interdisciplinary settings and on church staffs.

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13 Rick Landon, Lexington, KY (PC)  
13 Scott Lee, Snelville, GA (CH)  
13 Frank Stillwell, Lexington, KY (PC)  
13 Robin Sullens, Dallas, TX (PC)  
15 James Close, Louisville, KY (CH)  
15 Sheree Jones, Winston-Salem, NC (CH)  
16 Lee Ann Rathbun, Austin, TX (CH)  
16 Chelsea Turpen, Addison, TX (CH)  
17 Buddy Presley, North Augusta, SC (CH)  
17 Ronald Wilson, Northport, AL (CH)  
18 Loris Adams, Indian Trail, NC (CH)  
18 Joel DeFehr, Oklahoma City, OK (CH)  
19 Bernard Morris, Chester, VA (CH)  
19 James Palmer, Pensacola, FL (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

15 Anna Anderson, Scotland Neck, NC (FP)  
16 Cayden Norman, 2000, Spain (FPC)  
16 Ina Winstead, Emeritus (FP)  
17 Maria-Grace Khano, 2014, Belgium (FPC)  
19 Anna-Grace Acker, 2005, Uganda (FPC)

# December 20–26, 2020

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

*Titus 3:4-5*



**Annette Ellard and Steve Clark**  
Louisville, Kentucky  
[www.cbf.net/clark](http://www.cbf.net/clark)

Annette Ellard and Steve Clark serve in Louisville, Kentucky, among the large population of refugees from Burma who began being resettled there in 2006. Approximately seven percent of Louisville's population is foreign born, and the share of refugees among them is nearly twice the national average, due to Louisville's large and successful refugee resettlement programs.

Through their ministry of availability and hospitality, Annette and Steve strive to be the presence of Christ among more than 1,000 Karen, Chin, Karenni and other refugees from Burma living in Louisville. They share the love of God through a host of ministries including pastoral care, social work, crisis management, education, advocacy and consulting to refugees and those who seek to serve them.

For those who struggle with English, unfamiliar social systems and cultural differences, small problems often become big problems. Helping a refugee work through a problem, while relieving anxiety and fear, builds their confidence for working through similar issues in the future.

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20 Robert Brasier, Queen Creek, AZ (CH)  
20 Melissa L. Dowling, Austin, TX (CH)  
20 Larry Glover-Wetherington, Durham, NC (PC)  
20 Alan Willard, Blacksburg, VA (PC)  
21 Bethany McLemore, Roanoke, VA (PC)  
22 Sarah Wofford, Mooresville, NC (CH)  
23 Frances Brown, Surfside Beach, SC (PC)  
23 Robert Elkowitz, Cumming, GA (CH)  
23 Steven Ivy, Indianapolis, IN (CH)  
23 Hal Lee, Clinton, MS (CH)  
23 Linda Strange, Denton, TX (CH)  
24 Michael Carter, Dallas, TX (CH)  
26 Freddy Hinson, Rocky River, OH (CH)  
26 Scottie Stamper, Charlotte, NC (CH)  
26 Nicole Tota, Perry Point, MD (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

21 Lynn Hutchinson, Togo (FP)

### Staff Members

20 Kyle Kelly (S- Louisiana)

# December 27, 2020–January 2, 2021

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

*Galatians 4:4-5*



## Together for Hope

[www.cbf.net/tfh](http://www.cbf.net/tfh)

Together for Hope was formed in 2001 as a 20-year commitment to the 20 poorest counties in the United States. All of these counties were rural. This was the origin of CBF's Rural Poverty Initiative, which later became Together for Hope (TFH). From its inception, it has adamantly followed the practice of Assets Based Community Development because the key to alleviating poverty in these rural areas already exists with the people who are there. It is in these long-term partnerships with local leaders that Together for Hope has been forged as a force for the common good in rural America.

Together for Hope has 18 partners across the rural landscape of the United States. From Arizona to Appalachia and from the Dakotas to the Delta, TFH has worked alongside communities in the areas of education, health and nutrition, housing and environment and social enterprise.

TFH is a rural development coalition of widely diverse organizations that exist in a complex network. Some partners are CBF field personnel, while other coalition organizations have their own 501c(3) status and still others are hybrid organizations that are housed under CBF state and regional organizations.

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27 Solon Smith, Louisville, KY (CH)  
27 Jonathan Madden, Cincinnati, OH (CH)  
28 Claudia Forrest, Cordova, TN (CH)  
28 John Halbrook, Pound Ridge, NY (PC)  
28 Thomas Holbrook, Berea, KY (PC)  
29 Kimberly Miller, Winston-Salem, NC (CH)  
29 Art Wiggins, Norfolk, VA (CH)  
30 Shay Crenshaw, Raleigh, NC (CH)  
30 James Garrison, Arden, NC (CH)  
30 Kenneth Kelly, Black Mountain, NC (CH)  
30 Ramona Reynolds-Netto, Orlando, FL (CH)  
30 Lex Robertson, Oklahoma City, OK (CH)  
31 David "Tod" Smith, Farmington, NM (CH)

1 Rebecca Brown – Elizabethtown, KY (CH)  
1 Varughese Jacob, Houston TX (CH)  
1 Christina Pryor-Pittman, Lexington, SC (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

27 Steve Clark, Louisville, KY (FP)  
30 Revonda Deal, Emeritus (FP)

1 Sam Bandela, Emeritus (EP)  
2 Jon Parks, Slovakia (FP)  
2 Tammy Stocks, Emeritus (FP)

### Staff Members

2 Rick Bennett (S-Tennessee)

# January 3–9, 2021

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say,  
“He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

*Jeremiah 31:10*



## Alicia and Jeffrey Lee

Skopje, Macedonia

[www.cbf.net/lee](http://www.cbf.net/lee)

Alicia and Jeff Lee serve in Skopje, Macedonia, where they seek to be the presence of Christ by engaging in holistic, relational and healing ministries among the ethnic groups of Skopje. The Lees work alongside local, grassroots organizations to address the needs of families living in extreme poverty, people neglected by society and children rescued from or at-risk for human trafficking. They organize weekly activities at a group home for adults with developmental disabilities. The Lees are also partnering in the development of a faith-based children's home.

Jeff coordinates a collaborative effort among evangelical churches in Macedonia to serve refugees in transit camps. Through this ongoing collaborative effort, hundreds of thousands of refugees have been served tea and fruit and have been offered a warm smile and a place to sit before journeying on.

Alicia provides counseling services for English speakers in Skopje while Jeff's consults with farmers and local governments to address the environmental issues within Macedonia, including the development of a cow-bank project that provides livestock to local farmers through a small business development program.

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3 Christopher Bowers, Powhatan, VA (PC)  
3 William McCann, Madisonville, KY (CH)  
4 Joshua Hickman, Yokosuke, Japan (CH)  
5 Richard Durham, Mount Pleasant, NC (CH)  
5 Charles Kirby, Hendersonville, NC (CH)  
5 Kevin Lynch, Spartanburg, SC (PC)  
5 Calvin McIver, Sacramento, CA (CH)  
5 Linda Serino, Memphis, TN (CH)  
6 Larry Hardin, Topeka, KS (CH)  
6 Santiago Reales, Winston Salem, NC (CH)  
7 Richard Catlett, Richmond, VA (CH)  
7 Denny Spear, Dunwoody, GA (CH)  
8 Luis Caiza, Elizabethtown, KY (CH)  
8 Rachel Hill, Shelby, NC (CH)  
9 Paul Hamilton, Lodge, SC (CH)  
9 Jeffrey Perkins, Westchester, OH (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

8 Ethan Lee, 2009, Macedonia (FPC)  
9 Bill Cayard, Emeritus (FP)

### Staff Members

4 Scott Hudgins (S-North Carolina)  
6 Santiago Reales (S-North Carolina)

# January 10–16, 2021

He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Mark 1:7-8



## CBF Fellows

[www.cbf.net/fellows](http://www.cbf.net/fellows)

The CBF Fellows program assists young Baptists clergy in their “first-call” to make a healthy transition from seminary to congregational ministry. CBF Fellows offers these young leaders essential resources to thrive as congregational ministers. A second and equally important goal is for CBF to support and engage each Fellow’s congregation during the cohort, encouraging them as they discern the best way to nurture the minister God has called to serve in their community.

CBF Fellows builds on the foundation laid during the training years of seminary and divinity school to help congregational ministers connect the academic to the practical work of the church. Each two-year cohort receives practical resources through continuing education opportunities which consist of six face-to-face gatherings, peer learning and guidance between sessions, individual sessions with a trained coach and learning experiences designed around on-going CBF events. To increase the program’s reach and effectiveness, congregations commit to providing a Minister Encouragement Team for their Fellow. This team provides regular encouragement and stability to the minister, which helps to sustain her or him as a young congregational minister.

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10 Jill Zimmer, Columbia, TN (CH)  
11 Michael Gerace, Baker City, OR (CH)  
11 Ed Waldrop, Augusta, GA (CH)  
12 Neil Cochran, Greenville, SC (CH)  
12 Phillip C Moody, Lexington KY (CH)  
12 Scott Smallwood, Englewood, FL (CH)  
14 Thomas Cantwell, Paducah, KY (CH)  
15 Keith Ethridge, Belton, TX (CH)  
15 John Foxworth, El Paso, TX (CH)  
16 David Hormenoo, Durham, NC (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

10 Melody Harrell, Emeritus (FP)  
13 Dianne McNary, Slovakia (FP)

### Staff Members

14 Steve Graham (S-Oklahoma/Kansas)

# January 17–23, 2021

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

*Psalm 139:1-2*



## Matt and Michelle Norman

Barcelona, Spain

[www.cbf.net/norman](http://www.cbf.net/norman)

Matt and Michelle Norman are Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel serving in Barcelona, Spain. The southern European city of Barcelona has seen diverse growth in population, including large numbers of refugees and immigrants from around the world.

The Normans are engaged in ministry to assist local churches in connecting with their secular community as well as welcoming immigrants and refugees. They lead training sessions for local churches, conduct Bible studies with individuals interested in learning more about the Christian faith and assist local ministry efforts. They are also engaged in social ministry, seeking to address the felt needs of the community through various endeavors.

In addition to this location ministry, the Normans are associate coordinators for the two CBF Global Mission teams in Europe. They are responsible administratively for the work of CBF field personnel on both teams and resource their work as it connects to the larger CBF context. Relationship development and connecting with European partners such as the European Baptist Federation are also among their responsibilities.

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17 Matthew Hanzelka, Round Rock, TX (CH)  
17 Glenn Norris, Sherwood, AR (CH)  
18 William Beaver, Fort Hood, TX (CH)  
18 Jeanell Cox, Cary, NC (CH)  
18 Justin Nelson, Mount Airy, NC (CH)  
19 Jackie Ward, Goshen, KY (CH)  
19 Lyndsay Williams, Chesterfield MO (CH)  
20 Marshall Gupton, Smyrna, TN (CH)  
20 Kevin Morgan, Pisgah Forest, NC (CH)  
22 Bruce Moore, Barrington, IL (CH)  
23 Richard Atkinson, Bastrop, TX (CH)  
23 Brent Raitz, Cleveland, OH (CH)  
23 Trevor Wilson, Knoxville, TN (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

17 Aaron Norman, 2005, Spain (FPC)  
19 Kaelah-Joy Acker, 2008, Uganda (FPC)  
23 David Bass, Cambodia (FP)

### Staff Members

22 Jim Hylton (S-North Carolina)

# January 24–30, 2021

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.”

*Jonah 3:1-2*



**David and Lauren Bass**  
Cambodia  
[www.cbf.net/bass](http://www.cbf.net/bass)

David and Lauren Bass minister alongside the Cambodia Baptist Union in its dramatic church planting efforts. Through pastor training programs and opportunities for economic development, the Basses endeavor to help equip Cambodian pastors to sustainably engage their communities.

David and Lauren are excited to partner with the Cambodia Baptist Union as the church planting movement in Cambodia matures from new and dynamic to deep and sustainable.

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25 Chris Nagel, Houston, TX (CH)  
27 Darrell Bare, Charleston, SC (CH)  
27 Ben Sandford, Okinawa, Japan (CH)  
27 Stacey Cruze, Georgetown KY (PC)  
28 Chuck Ahlemann, Des Moines, IA (CH)  
29 Christopher Bowers, Powhatan, VA (CH)  
29 Darryl Jefferson, Charlotte, NC (CH)  
30 Matthew Benorden, Lawrence, KS (CH)  
30 Hal Ritter, Waco, TX (PC)  
30 Nathan Rogers, Anchorage, AK (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

25 Mich, Emeritus (EP)

### Staff Members

24 Stephen Reeves (S-Decatur)  
29 Glen Foster (S-West Region)

# January 31–February 6, 2021

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

*Malachi 3:1*



## Lynn and Michael Hutchinson

Lomé, Togo

[www.cbf.net/hutchinson](http://www.cbf.net/hutchinson)

Lynn and Mike Hutchinson serve in Lomé, Togo, in West Africa through asset-based community development and transformative community ministry.

After ministry in France and other African nations, the Hutchinsons settled in this French-speaking nation that remains part of the developing world. Togo is one of the 10 poorest nations in the world, and 65 percent of the population relies on subsistence farming. Years of Western aid and loans have failed to help the people of Togo develop independently.

The Hutchinsons believe that the greatest need for the people of Togo is to know the living God through transforming faith in Christ and to develop their gifts to become fully who God designed them to be.

Working alongside local partners, the Hutchinsons are involved in various projects aimed at developing people's talents and resources. Drawing on the assets and resources of the community, mentoring and equipping, they are helping Togolese discover their full capacity.

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31 Rebecca Adrian, Irving, TX (CH)  
31 Paul Smith, San Diego, CA (CH)  
31 Ally Ohki, Owensboro, KY (CH)

1 Susan Collins, Stone Mountain, GA (CH)  
1 Brad Jackson, Springfield, OH (CH)  
2 Joe Alverson, Nicholasville, KY (CH)  
2 Veronica Martinez-Gallegos, Concord, NC (CH)  
2 Terry Tatro, Louisville, KY (CH)  
3 Richard Dayringer, Grove, OK (PC)  
3 Rachel Erickson (CH)  
3 William Elliott, Lexington, KY (CH)  
4 Delores Kay Smith, Hickory, NC (CH)  
5 Brian Cleveland, New Orleans, LA (CH)  
5 Joanna Tarr, Kansas City, MO (CH)

### Staff Members

5 Rubén Ortiz (S-Decatur)

# February 7–13, 2021

To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some.

1 Corinthians 9:22



## Familia

[www.cbf.net/familia](http://www.cbf.net/familia)

The CBF Latino Network is La Familia—a network founded on the principles of fellowship, advocacy, ministry and missions, identity, leadership, intergenerational diversity and alliances. La Familia aims to offer a place for Latino leaders to find a home. CBF Latino Field Coordinator Rubén Ortiz is passionate about sharing that feeling of inclusion and belonging with the growing Latino population in the United States. The CBF Latino Network offers that feeling of family to others, according to Ortiz.

La Familia rests on these foundational principles:

**F** for fellowship: The opportunity to gather together around joys and sorrows.

**A** for advocacy: To defend—there are still many things the Latino community must fight for.

**M** for ministry and missions: It is important for us to unite and work together.

**I** for identity: Why we are Baptist and what it means to be a Cooperative Baptist.

**L** for leadership: Without our leaders—lay and clergy—we would not accomplish very much.

**I** for intergenerational: We need to understand and appreciate the diversity within the Latino community.

**A** for alliances: We would not be able to do this alone.

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8 John Boyles, Lynchburg, VA (CH)  
8 Bijou Chacko, Durham, NC (CH)  
8 Larry Johnson, Midlothian, VA (CH)  
9 Shaquisha Barnes, Durham, NC (CH)  
9 Nathan Cooper, Greenville, SC (CH)  
9 Jo Kirkendall, Biloxi, MS (CH)  
9 Elizabeth Milazzotto, Louisville, KY (PC)  
9 Willie Smith, Fredericksburg, VA (CH)  
10 James Rentz, Spartanburg, SC (PC)  
10 Cynthia Thomas, Houston, TX (CH)  
11 Lauralee Estes, Northport, AL (PC)  
11 Katee Harris, Rose Hill, NC (CH)  
11 Will Runyon, Albany, GA (CH)  
11 Ashley Mangrum, Ann Arbor, MI (CH)  
13 Dianne Swaim, North Little Rock, AR (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

12 Sasha Zivanov, St. Louis, MO (FP)

### Staff Members

8 Taisha Seabolt (S-Decatur)  
9 Ray Johnson (S-Florida)

# February 14–20, 2021

Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

*Joel 2:13*



**Greg and Sue Smith**  
Fredericksburg, Virginia  
[www.cbf.net/smith](http://www.cbf.net/smith)

Greg and Sue Smith serve Latino immigrants through LUCHA Ministries in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

LUCHA Ministries provides a Christian response to the immigration issue and the needs of the immigrant community. LUCHA advocates for the rights of immigrants and their families, offers a legal services clinic and helps them obtain services in Spanish. Greg and Sue equip others to work with the immigrant population by offering training and serving as consultants to individuals, churches and other organizations.

Greg and Sue also serve as members of CBF's Advocacy Action Team for Immigrants and Refugees. The group cultivates a network of active advocates by providing resources, being informed about current legislation and trends and encouraging direct policy advocacy at critical moments alongside and on behalf of immigrants and refugees.

The Smiths' ministry goals center on helping Latino immigrant families to live better, healthier, more productive lives in the United States, with opportunities to integrate fully into their communities.

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14 Roger Bolton, Conyers, GA (PC)  
14 Charla Littell, Burlington, NC (CH)  
16 Rebecca Hewitt-Newson, Glendale, CA (CH)  
16 Brad Mitchell, Birmingham, AL (CH)  
16 Carter Sapp, Houston, TX (CH)  
17 Annie Laura Walker, Birmingham, AL (CH)  
18 Edward Fleming, Winston-Salem, NC (CH)  
18 Jean Pruett, Charlotte, NC (CH)  
19 Leah Ryan, New Castle, VA (CH)  
20 Amanda Ducksworth, Smyrna, GA (CH/CST)  
20 Younsoo Park, Fort Bliss, TX (CH)

### Church Starters

14 Heather Folliard, Durham, NC (CST)  
16 Kanisha Billingsly, Lawrenceville, GA (CST)

### Staff Members

14 Grace Martino (S-Decatur)

# February 21–27, 2021

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

*Psalm 22:27*



## Mira and Sasha Zivanov

St. Louis, Missouri

[www.cbf.net/zivanov](http://www.cbf.net/zivanov)

Mira and Sasha Zivanov serve among the immigrant community in and around St. Louis, Missouri, predominantly working with refugees from the former Yugoslavia, which includes the countries of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia.

Originally from Yugoslavia, Mira and Sasha are uniquely able to minister to this population that comes to St. Louis with next to nothing. Partnering with Kirkwood Baptist Church, a CBF partner congregation, and other local churches, the Zivanovs seek to provide outreach ministries that meet the needs of refugee families that have lost much to years of violence, conflict and hardship, but have arrived in the United States with hope.

The Zivanovs cultivate beloved community through a weekly food pantry. They bear witness to Jesus Christ through friendship and an enduring pastoral presence among Roma and other immigrant families. And they seek transformational development through a tutoring program that leads to changes in the lives of young Roma, other students and their families.

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21 Rebecca Church, Louisville, KY (CH)  
21 Linda McComb, Clinton, MS (CH)  
21 Jeffery Thompson, Gainesville, GA (CH)  
21 Stephanie Patterson, New Castle, NC (CH)  
22 Stephanie McLeskey, Mars Hill, NC (CH)  
23 Michelle Robinson, Columbia, SC (CH)  
24 Edwin Badillo, Levittown, Puerto Rico (CH)  
24 Danny Tomlinson, Belton, TX (CH)  
25 Lindell Anderson, Fort Worth, TX (CH)  
25 Rick Foster, Lynchburg, VA (CH)  
26 Christa Chappelle, High Point, NC (CH)  
26 Rodney Craggs, Louisville, KY (CH)  
26 Sheryl Johnson, Richmond, VA (CH)  
26 Louise Mason, Richmond, VA (CH)  
27 Linda Moore, Greenville, NC (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

25 Mira Zivanov, St. Louis, MO (FP)

### Staff Members

21 Ellen Sechrest (S-Decatur)

# February 28–March 6, 2021

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

*Exodus 20:2-3*



**Carson and Laura Foushee**  
Tokyo, Japan  
[www.cbf.net/foushee](http://www.cbf.net/foushee)

Carson and Laura Foushee serve in partnership with the Japan Baptist Convention in Tokyo.

For their first three years as CBF field personnel, they served alongside Japan Baptist Convention churches in Kanazawa and Toyama by leading English ministries in both congregations. In 2017, they moved to Tokyo to begin full-time language study at the Naganuma School and graduated from their two-year comprehensive language course in March 2019. Last Spring, they welcomed their daughter, Ada, into their family and also began a practicum period of language learning serving alongside Tokiwadai Baptist Church.

Through this practicum period, Carson and Laura are bearing witness to Jesus Christ through regular opportunities to preach and speak in Japanese. They also continue to seek ways to use their skills in both Japanese and English to be a bridge between their local community and the church as they cultivate beloved community in the Tokyo-metro area.

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1 Brent Peery, Conroe, TX (CH)  
1 Chris Scales, Lubbock, TX (CH)  
2 Glenn Williams, Louisville, KY (PC)  
3 David Bosley, Vienna, VA (CH)  
4 Kristin Akins, Maitland, FL (CH)  
4 Ed Lemmond, Athens, TN (CH)  
5 Buddy Corbin, Asheville, NC (CH)  
5 Donnie Marlar, Rochester, NY (CH)

### Church Starters

28 Leo Garcia, Tucson, AZ (CST)  
  
2 Erick Moon, Cincinnati, OH (CST)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

4 Jane Martin, Emeritus (FP)  
6 Ronnie Adams, Emeritus (FP)

### Staff Members

2 Amy Cook (S-North Carolina)  
5 Ray Higgins (S-Arkansas)

# March 7–13, 2021

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*John 3:17*



## Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen

Romany Ministries in Europe  
[www.cbf.net/holmes](http://www.cbf.net/holmes)

Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen serve as resource coordinators for Romany and those working with Romany throughout Europe. This husband-wife team focuses on Christian media resources in major Romany languages and educational resources.

Romany respond warmly to hearing the Gospel in their own language. Over 20 different Romany languages and dialects are spoken in Europe. Keith partners with the Wycliffe translation team to create and distribute culturally appropriate media resources in these heart languages. Since Romany have an oral rather than a written culture, this includes dubbing Scripture videos as well as working with Faith Comes By Hearing to make audio recordings of the entire New Testament.

Many Romany children do not speak the national language when they begin school. Mary works with a network of educators and Romany workers to promote culturally-sensitive education. This includes the development of a flexible, low-cost way to improve literacy-related skills in whatever language the children speak at home. Mary and Keith also partner with the Moldovan Baptist Union to facilitate Romany there.

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7 Wade Rowatt, Louisville, KY (PC)  
 8 Marian Boyer, Nottingham, MD (CH)  
 9 Stuart Collier, Vestavia, AL (CH)  
 10 Dean Akers, Washington, DC (CH)  
 10 Cindy Bishop, Piedmont, SC (CH)  
 11 Julia Flores, Lynchburg, VA (CH)  
 11 Lisa Nisbet, Louisville, KY (PC)  
 11 Rebekah Ramsey, Concord, NC (CH)  
 12 Leah Leath, Concord, NC (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

7 Laura Foushee, Japan (FP)  
 8 Isaac Pittman, 1999, Miami, FL (FPC)  
 9 Michelle Norman, Spain (FP)

### Staff Members

12 Jim Crumpler (S-North Central Region)

# March 14–20, 2021

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

*Hebrews 5:7*



## Young Baptists

[www.cbf.net/young-baptists](http://www.cbf.net/young-baptists)

We are creative. We are bold. We are risk-takers. We are seekers. We are change-makers. We are dreamers. We are gifted. We are passionate. We believe we can change the world. We are activists. We are leaders. We are young—and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is our network and faith family.

Resourcing and networking young Baptists for the Christian journey is at the heart of CBF's Young Baptist ecosystem. Through experiences, ministries, programs, connections and local church support, CBF is encouraging and creating an environment in which young adults can thrive, be energized and have opportunities to give life to the world around them as they use their gifts in service of God and others.

CBF knows that young Baptists matter.

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15 Carita Brown, Catonsville, MD (CH)  
17 Mary Gessner, Madison, AL (PC)  
18 Dodie Huff-Fletcher, Louisville, KY (PC)  
18 Gregory Qualls, Mooresboro, NC (CH)  
18 Beth Riddick, Fredericksburg, VA (CH)  
18 David Robinson, Newport News, VA (PC)  
19 Jennifer Bordenet, Orlando, FL (CH)  
19 Angel Lee, Durham NC (CH)  
19 Kim Schmitt, Fayetteville, GA (CH)  
20 Anna Allred, Asheboro, NC (CH)  
20 Cynthia Corey, Brunswick, GA (CH)  
20 William Hemphill, Stone Mountain, GA (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

15 Mary van Rheenen, Netherlands (FP)  
20 Ada Foushee, 2019, Japan (FPC)

### Staff Members

19 Bob Fox (S-Kentucky)

# March 21–27, 2021

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

*Psalm 40:5*



**Jade and Shelah Acker**  
Kampala, Uganda  
[www.cbf.net/acker](http://www.cbf.net/acker)

Jade and Shelah Acker live and serve in Uganda, where they are committed to holistic ministry through Refuge and Hope International, an organization they began in 2004.

Refuge and Hope International serves the urban refugee community in Kampala, the capital city of Uganda. The nonprofit organization is located in a heavily refugee-populated area of the city that is home to refugees from South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Ethiopia and Rwanda.

Each year, Refuge and Hope serves more than 1,000 refugees through the Center of Hope, as well as through skills and business training programs, youth and women's ministry, spiritual development and social work programs. The Ackers offer educational, professional and personal development programs designed to help refugees recover from the effects of war, realize self-sufficiency and become catalysts for change in their communities.

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21 Walter Jackson, Louisville, KY (PC)  
21 Alan Melton, Waynesboro, VA (PC)  
21 Michael Strickland, Falls Church, VA (CH)  
23 J. Claude Huguley, Nashville, TN (CH)  
24 Gina Biddle, Dallas, TX (CH)  
24 Michael Gross, Roswell, GA (CH)  
24 Emory (Chip) Reeves, Martinez, GA (CH)  
24 Mark Spain, Canyon Lake, TX (CH)  
24 Todd Walter, Inman, SC (CH)  
25 Gary Nistler, Hobbsville, NC (CH)  
25 John Thompson, Texarkana, TX (CH)  
27 Ken Chapman, Jefferson City, MO (CH)  
27 David Gladson, Pendleton, SC (CH)  
27 Amy Karriker, Great Falls, MT (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

25 Jade Acker, Uganda (FP)

### Staff Members

21 Aaron Weaver (S-Decatur)  
22 Paulette Blakely (S-Decatur)

# March 28–April 3, 2021

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.”

*Psalm 31:14*



## Peer Learning Groups

[www.cbf.net/peer-learning-groups](http://www.cbf.net/peer-learning-groups)

Peer Learning Groups (PLGs) provide an opportunity for ministers to form together, shaping one another through opportunities of worship, spiritual formation, discussion of ministry-related issues and fellowship. Currently, there are over 100 PLGs. New groups are being formed and additional members are welcome.

Each group, facilitated by a convener, works collaboratively to determine the focus of their meetings and retreats. The Fellowship provides the groups with suggested resources related to promoting pastoral excellence and congregational health.

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28 Lynda Schupp, Corinth, TX (CH)  
29 Phil McCarley, Charles Town, WV (CH)  
29 Michael Shea, Mars Hill, NC (CH)  
30 John Emmart, Stoughton, WI (CH)  
30 Layne Rogerson, Cheraw, SC (CH)  
31 Dale Cross, Lawrenceville, GA (CH)  
31 Tim Madison, Clearwater, FL (CH)

1 Jennifer Dill, Pittsburgh, PA (CH)  
1 Craig Walker, High Point, VA (CH)  
2 Dorcus Cater, Snellville GA (CH)  
2 Christie McTier, Harlem, GA (CH)  
2 Wayde Pope, Crestview, FL (CH)  
3 Mark Reece, Elkin, NC (CH)  
3 Wayne Sibley, Pineville, LA (CH)  
3 Thomas Wicker, Salado, TX (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

1 Greg Smith, Fredericksburg, VA (FP)  
2 Leonora Newell, Emeritus (FP)

# April 4–10, 2021

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

*Isaiah 25:8*



**Jessica Hearne**  
Danville, Virginia  
[www.cbf.net/hearne](http://www.cbf.net/hearne)

Jessica and her husband, Joshua, serve in Danville, Virginia, where 38 percent of children live below the poverty line, nearly three times the average for the state. One in five people in Danville live with food insecurity. Jessica and Joshua serve with and through Grace and Main Fellowship, an intentional, ecumenical Christian community devoted to hospitality, simplicity, prayer, nonviolent action and grassroots community development. The foundation of their ministry is simple: building relationships and community.

Grace and Main ministers with and among people in Danville who are experiencing homelessness, hunger, poverty, addiction and food and housing insecurity. They do this in a variety of ways, including:

- Hospitality houses: a network of houses that provide shelter, food, prayer and rest to those experiencing homelessness, hunger, poverty and addiction.
- Community meals: several dozen family-style meals every year at a variety of locations.
- Urban Farm: a community growing space to combat hunger.
- Tool Library: helping people maintain their own homes or earn extra income through side work.
- Community development: working with churches and local organizations for positive change.

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5 Patrick Baxter, Akron, OH (CH)  
5 Darcie Jones, Columbia, SC (CH)  
6 Lauren Deer, Raleigh, NC (CH)  
6 Steven Mills, Flat Rock, NC (CH)  
7 Bonnie Hicks, Woodstock, GA (CH)  
7 Mary Wrye, Henderson, KY (CH)  
7 Brandon Johnson, Lillington, NC (NC)  
8 Laura Johnson, New Bern, NC (CH)  
8 Drexel Rayford, Birmingham, AL (CH)  
9 Jim Pruett, Charlotte, NC (PC)  
9 Steve Vance, Charlotte, NC (CH)  
10 Alan Rogers, Kaneohe, HI (CH)

### Church Starters

6 Felix Iyoko, Raleigh, NC (CST)  
7 Nathan Dean, Atlanta, GA (CST)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

4 Truett, 2011, Southeast Asia (FPC)  
5 Eddy Ruble, Southeast Asia (FP)  
7 LaCount Anderson, Scotland Neck, NC (EP)  
9 Jessica Hearne, Danville, VA (FP)  
9 Scarlett Jasper, Somerset, KY (FP)

### Staff Members

8 Tangie McKinley (S-Decatur)  
10 Joi Fitzgerald (S-Decatur)

# April 11–17, 2021

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

Acts 4:32



**Scarlette Jasper**  
Somerset, Kentucky  
[www.cbf.net/jasper](http://www.cbf.net/jasper)

Scarlette Jasper serves with Together for Hope, CBF's rural development coalition, in the Appalachian foothills of southern and south central Kentucky. A longtime champion for the economically disadvantaged, Scarlette ministers within some of the poorest counties in the United States. The majority of the counties in which Scarlette serves are considered "distressed" counties on the basis of low per capita income and high rates of poverty and unemployment.

Scarlette has been involved in nonprofit work with disadvantaged communities for more than 27 years, serving in leadership positions locally and nationally for various organizations. Now, Scarlette is the director of Olive Branch Ministries, which serves individuals experiencing homelessness, survivors of domestic violence and families in financial and medical crisis.

While she assists families with financial counseling, job-readiness skills, applying for additional benefits and services, Scarlette strives to meet physical needs as well. Scarlette also coaches others to meet emotional and spiritual needs through classes, counseling referrals and Bible studies.

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11 Laura Broadwater, Louisville, KY (CH)  
13 Landon Alberson, Chula, GA (CH)  
13 Steve Sullivan, Durham, NC (CH)  
13 Brian A. Warfield, Spencer, OK (CH)  
14 Kerri Kroeker, Calgary, Alberta, Canada (CH)  
15 Jeff Flowers, Evans, GA (CH)  
16 Kay Wright, Virginia Beach, VA (CH)  
17 Allison Anderson, Morgantown, WV (CH)  
17 David Jones, Newberg, OR (CH)  
17 Jene Smith, Lexington, KY (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

215 Don Pittman, Emeritus (FP)  
16 Kaitlyn Parks, 2006, Slovakia (FPC)

### Staff Members

15 Jeff Langford (S-Heartland)

# April 18–24, 2021

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.  
1 John 3:2



## State and Regional Organizations

[www.cbf.net/states-and-regions](http://www.cbf.net/states-and-regions)

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship relates to 19 autonomous state and regional organizations. Each organization has its own governing structure and unique approach to mission and ministry. However, states and regions are naturally interdependent with CBF and strive to work in close partnership with each other and CBF Global. State and regional coordinators gather with CBF colleagues several times per year to foster effective ministry, share information, learn from one another and deepen collegiality.

CBF states and regions include:

- Alabama CBF
- CBF of Arkansas
- Florida CBF
- CBF of Georgia
- CBF Heartland
- CBF Kentucky
- CBF of Louisiana
- Mid-Atlantic CBF
- CBF of Mississippi
- Baptist Fellowship of the Northeast
- CBF of North Carolina
- North Central Region CBF
- CBF of Oklahoma
- Fellowship Southwest
- CBF of South Carolina
- Tennessee CBF
- CBF of Texas
- CBF of Virginia
- CBF West

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18 Cyrus Bush, Pfafftown, NC (CH)  
18 Ray Cooley, Wallingford, CT (CH)  
18 Mason Jackson III, Fort Myers, FL (CH)  
18 Nathan Solomon, Washington, (CH)  
19 Michael Lee, Hendersonville, NC (CH)  
19 Zach Medlin, Salt Lake City UT (CH)  
20 Susan Stephenson, Edmond, OK (CH)  
22 Judith Wortelboer-Grace, Temple, TX (CH)  
22 Barry Pennington, Pleasant Hill, MO (CH)  
23 David Kolb, Lexington, NC (CH)  
23 Isaac Lopex, Crowley, TX (CH)  
24 Brenda Atkinson, Greenville, SC (CH)  
24 Rhonda Gilligan-Gillespie, Memphis, TN (CH)  
24 Laura Mannes, San Antonio, TX (CH)  
24 Travis Smith, Forest City, NC (CH)  
24 Leslie Stith, North Kansas City, MO (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

22 Brittany, China (FP)

### Staff Members

18 Susan Crumpler (S-North Central Region)

# April 25–May 1, 2021

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me...

John 10:14



## Brittany and Casey China

[www.cbf.net/brittanycasey](http://www.cbf.net/brittanycasey)

Brittany and Casey serve alongside the Christian Church in China, where CBF has cultivated beloved community and partnerships with Chinese churches and church leaders over the past 10 years.

Christianity is growing so quickly in China that there is a large gap in the number of trained pastors/lay leaders and the number of people seeking to grow in understanding of the Gospel.

Brittany and Casey are living in a growing city to cultivate beloved community locally and globally. As they learn Mandarin Chinese, they are investing in a long-term commitment to ongoing relationships. As they acquire a deeper understanding of the needs around them, they are able to better partner with Chinese Christians and engage CBF churches with what God is doing in China.

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25 Connie Graham, Fitzgerald, GA (CH)  
25 Ellen Garner-Cook, Jefferson, GA (CH)  
27 Pat Davis, Baton Rouge, LA (CH)  
27 Pete Parks, Williamsburg, VA (CH)  
28 Gary McFarland, Charlotte, NC (PC)  
29 Ted Dougherty, Winston-Salem, NC (PC)  
30 Melissa Neal, Floyd, VA (CH)  
30 Charles Wallace, Fort Worth, TX (CH)

1 Michael Coggins, Navarre, FL (CH)

### Staff Members

25 Victoria Whatley (S-Decatur)  
28 Carrol Wilson (S-Decatur)

# May 2–8, 2021

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

*Psalm 22:26*



## Karen

Northern Africa

[www.cbf.net/karen-nafrica](http://www.cbf.net/karen-nafrica)

Karen serves in pastoral ministry with migrants and refugees in Northern Africa. She is partnering with the local church as they minister to the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of the sub-Saharan migrant community.

Karen was commissioned to serve in June 2018 and moved to Northern Africa in November 2018. In her first two years, she has invested in building relationships and skills that will equip her to serve effectively in the local context, including enrolling in intensive language courses. Your support helps her roots grow deep into the beloved community in Northern Africa as she joins with others to bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ.

The coronavirus pandemic is creating devastating economic conditions for the many sub-Saharan migrants and refugees that come to the church for care. Karen's church has nine local teams serving in different cities that continue to provide emergency food aid, medical funds and shelter during the coronavirus pandemic. Your partnership is helping Karen's church feed thousands of hungry people, shelter teenage boys at risk of being trafficked and give new moms everything they need to provide for their newborns.

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2 Cathy Cole, Aiken, SC (CH)  
2 Stephen Murphy, Hull, MA (CH)  
2 Deborah Reeves, Atlanta, GA (CH)  
3 Blake Herridge, Waco, TX (CH)  
4 Johann Choi, Fairfield, CA (CH)  
4 Gary Metcalf, Kingsport, TN (CH)  
4 Skip Wisenbaker, Atlanta, GA (CH)  
5 Karen Long, Birmingham, AL (CH)  
5 Jacquelyn Green, Roanoke, VA (CH)  
6 Carol Dalton, Swannanoa, NC (CH)  
6 Jessica Jasper, Elizabethtown, KY (CH)  
8 Rusty Elkins, Edmond, OK (CH)  
8 Brenda Pace Jones, Hendersonville, NC (PC)

### Church Starters

8 Christopher Jones (CST)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

5 Austin, 2004, Thailand (FPC)

### Staff Members

6 Adam Granger (S-Decatur)  
6 Terry Maples (S-Virginia)

# May 9–15, 2021

For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

1 John 5:3-4



## Church Starters

[www.cbf.net/church-starting](http://www.cbf.net/church-starting)

The call to start a new church can often be intimidating. Discerning what that looks like, where that will take place and how that unfolds can be equally challenging. Therefore, nurturing and fostering a sense of call is a vital component in the journey of potential church starters. CBF's Church Start Initiative works to be a catalyst of support for those discerning and living out a call to starting new faith communities.

Building a network of support around a church starter with a creative space for discernment, professional coaching, training, leadership development, site visits and continual networking can make church starters more effective. The CBF journey for church starter candidates begins in a variety of ways. Often, potential church starters are individuals who are fresh out of divinity school and simply want to learn more about church starting; others might be three years into their new church start but are just learning about the Fellowship. There are also those who fall somewhere between these two groups.

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9 Rich Behers, Lakeland, FL (CH)  
9 Leigh Jackson, Austin, TX (CH)  
11 Leah Boling, Waipahu, HI (CH)  
11 Jonna Garvin, Manassas, VA (CH)  
11 Cy Miller, Marion, NC (CH)  
13 Tracy Dunn, Hereford, TX (CH)  
13 Samson Naidoo, Denison, TX (CH)  
14 Scott McBroom, Charleston, SC (PC)  
14 JoAnne Morris, Louisville, KY (CH)  
15 Melina Grier, St. Joseph, MO (CH)  
15 James Jeffers, Hoover, AL (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

9 David Harding, Emeritus (FP)  
11 Larry Ballew, Emeritus (EP)  
11 Robbi Francovich, Emeritus (FP)

# May 16–22, 2021

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.

*Ezekiel 37:14*



## Butch and Nell Green

Houston, Texas

[www.cbf.net/green](http://www.cbf.net/green)

Butch and Nell Green serve in and around Houston, Texas, ministering to the Muslim community and engaging congregations in outreach with their Muslim neighbors. Butch and Nell seek to mobilize Christians and churches in developing and enhancing international ministry among the Muslim diaspora by providing resources, training opportunities, mentoring, networking and gaining practical experience through hands-on ministry to refugees and immigrants. They coordinate an international ministry network which includes an emphasis on prayer and resourcing churches.

As Houston has recently become the number one city in the United States for resettling refugees, Butch and Nell develop outreach to refugees through distribution of food baskets, connecting churches and individuals with refugee families and partnering with Interfaith Ministries to meet the needs of newly-arrived refugees.

Houston is also noted as the number one city in the U.S. for human trafficking. Butch and Nell combat human trafficking by developing partnerships, providing training and serving in an advisory capacity to the Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking in Texas Gateway/Destination Cities.

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16 Lauren Hall, Katy, TX (CH)  
16 Steven Harris, Salem, VA (PC)  
16 John Reeser, Sautee Nacoochee, GA (CH)  
17 Jennifer Call, Salem, VA (CH)  
18 Clay Polson, Waco, TX (CH)  
18 Greg Slate, Littleton, CO (CH)  
19 Mary Ahn, Round Lake, IL (CH)  
20 Julie Perry, Charlottesville, VA (CH)  
20 Marcy Thomas, Brentwood, TN (CH)  
22 Jon Ivy, Tuscaloosa, AL (CH)  
22 Travis Yelton, Alamo, NM (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

16 Lauren Bass, Cambodia (FP)  
16 Alex Ruble, 2001, Southeast Asia (FPC)  
17 Nell Green, Houston, TX (FP)

17 Filip Zivanov, 1998, St. Louis, MO (FPC)  
21 Carson Foushee, Japan (FP)  
21 Pat, Emeritus (FP)  
21 Ron Winstead, Emeritus (FP)

### Staff Members

20 Eddie Hammett (S-North Carolina)

# May 23–29, 2021

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

*Romans 8:26*



## Stephanie Vance

Madison, Alabama

[www.cbf.net/vance](http://www.cbf.net/vance)

Stephanie serves as the manager of Together for Hope, CBF's rural development coalition partnering in over 25 counties and parishes across the United States. She also serves as the area coordinator for mission teams for the Rural Americas Team of CBF field personnel.

Launched in 2001, Together for Hope is a long-term commitment to working with people in the nation's poorest counties in order to affect change and break the cycle of economic disparity. The ministry is about establishing long-term relationships, listening, learning and walking alongside local leaders. The hope is that communities will be transformed as will the churches and individuals who serve in focal counties.

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23 Polly Barnes, Brandon, MS (CH)  
23 John Schumacher, Columbia, SC (CH)  
24 Paulette Porter-Hallmon, Spartanburg, SC (CH)  
26 Stephanie Coyne, Conyers, GA (CH)  
27 Grace Freeman, Dunwoody, GA (CH)  
28 David Smith, Alpharetta, GA (PC)  
29 Aleesa Naish, Birmingham, AL (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

24 Meron Acker, 2000, Uganda (FPC)  
25 Stephanie Vance, Athens, AL (FP)  
25 Rick Burnette, Ft. Meyers, FL (FP)  
26 Hunter, Thailand (FP)

### Staff Members

26 Daniel Todd (S-Decatur)

# May 30–June 5, 2021

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

*Psalm 138:7*



## CBF Staff

[www.cbf.net/staff](http://www.cbf.net/staff)

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is headquartered in Decatur, Georgia. The CBF staff includes personnel dedicated to fostering excellence in global missions, congregational ministries and resources, chaplaincy and pastoral counseling, church starting, young Baptists and diversity and growth. Professional staff committed to finance, communications, technology, development and other essential functions serve the needs of Christians and churches as well.

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31 Stacey Buford, Murfreesboro, TN (CH)  
31 Blake Miller, Atlanta GA (CH)  
31 LouRae Myhre-Weber, Twin Bridges, MT (CH)  
31 Kelley Woggon, Louisville, KY (CH)

1 Thong, Lun, Houston, TX (CH)  
2 Inakali Kuruvilla, San Antonio, TX (CH)  
2 Gary Sparks, Tyler, TX (CH)  
3 Susan Arnold, La Grange, KY (CH)  
4 Sarah Smith, Winston Salem, NC (CH)  
5 Jennifer Clamon, Indianapolis, IN (CH)  
5 Stacy Sergent, Mount Pleasant, SC (CH)  
5 David Smelser, Lucedale, MS (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

1 Karen, North Africa (FP)

### Staff Members

30 Lane Riley (S-South Carolina)

# June 6–12, 2021

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17



**Kim and Marc Wyatt**  
Research Triangle, North Carolina  
[www.cbf.net/wyatt](http://www.cbf.net/wyatt)

Kim and Marc Wyatt serve in the Research Triangle of North Carolina, where they help connect resources and mobilize churches to welcome and love their international neighbors. In October 2015, they established Welcome House Raleigh, shaped after their previous ministries to refugees in Canada. Similar refugee ministries are now underway in Wilmington and Durham, N.C.

Welcome House Raleigh is a temporary reception home for refugees who are being resettled in the area who do not have a place to live upon arrival. Welcome House provides a safe home, settlement assistance and bridges into the community.

The main goal at Welcome House is to share the love of God in Christ Jesus through the ministries of hospitality and friendship. When permanent housing becomes available, the Wyatts and local partners and volunteers furnish it — even providing culturally appropriate groceries—and help their new friends discover their new American neighborhood.

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6 Wayne Bruner, Augusta, GA (CH)  
6 Michael Costner, Valdese, NC (CH)  
6 Parker Ebling-Artz, Kansas City, MO (CH)  
6 Greg McClain, Lillington, NC (CH)  
7 Butch Stillwell, Candler, NC (CH)  
7 Carol Wilkinson, Winston-Salem, NC (CH)  
8 Larry Lawhon, Stephens City, VA (CH)  
8 Randy Parks, Sparta, NJ (CH)  
8 Clay Porter, Stanton, TX (CH)  
8 Joseph Primeaux, Honolulu, HI (CH)  
8 Jeromy Wells, Scott AFB, IL (CH)  
9 Sara Stubbs, Monroe, NC (CH)  
9 Patricia Taylor, Tuscaloosa, AL (CH)  
9 Doug Wiggington, Pineville, LA (CH)  
10 Cindy Goza, Little Rock, AR (CH)  
10 Christopher McDaniel, Charleston, SC (CH)  
10 Ansia Picou, NY (CH)

10 Michael Osment, Martin, TN (CH)  
12 Mark Chambers, Ness City, KS (CH)  
12 Emma Jane Conley, Round Rock, TX (CH)  
12 Brady Lanoue, Ft. Hood, TX (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

7 Diann Berry, Emeritus (FP)  
8 Janice Newell, Emeritus (FP)  
9 Michelle Cayard, Emeritus (FP)  
10 Kim Wyatt, Raleigh, NC (FP)  
11 Joshua Hearne, Danville, VA (EP)

# June 13–19, 2021

But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

1 Samuel 17:45



**Christine**  
Africa/Middle East  
[www.cbf.net/christine](http://www.cbf.net/christine)

Christine was appointed to serve as CBF field personnel in June 2020, serving with the Africa/Middle East team.

Appointed to social work ministry, trauma therapy and capacity building within refugee and migrant populations, she will also be available as a regional resource for other field personnel in Africa and the Middle East with targeted therapies to refugee populations.

Christine will spend an initial season engaging in Arabic language study and cultural acquisition.

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13 Richard Forest, Louisville, KY (CH)  
13 Kim Thompson, Columbia, SC (CH)  
14 Tracey Lopez, Vienna, VA (CH)  
15 Melissa Whaley, Winston-Salem, NC (CH)  
16 Kimberly Emery, Hartville, OH (CH)  
18 Bill Hayes, Bogart, GA (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

14 Chaouki Boulos, Lebanon (FP)

### Staff Members

15 Josh Speight (S-Decatur)

# June 20–26, 2021

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

*Lamentations 3:22-23*



## Chaouki and Maha Boulos

Beirut, Lebanon

[www.cbf.net/boulos](http://www.cbf.net/boulos)

Chaouki and Maha Boulos minister in Lebanon and the Middle East through evangelism, leadership training and refugee aid. Their multi-faceted ministry features numerous initiatives and programs including:

- Refugee assistance: distribution of more than 500 food packages to refugee families every five to six weeks as well as hosting teams who provide free medical and dental care
- Church planting: providing financial support to local pastors to start new ministries in the Middle East
- Orphanage support: providing support to multiple orphanages in Lebanon; financial support helps provide food items that are difficult to acquire such as beef, eggs, milk, cheese and cereal, as well as clothing and shoes
- “Celebrate Jesus” rallies: celebrations which reach large crowds with the Gospel in Arab cities
- Christian Conference Center: creating a facility to host large retreats, seminars, meetings and training programs
- Christian family relief: serving poor and struggling Christian families in Lebanon through food and medical emergency assistance

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20 Jeff Lancaster, Cartwright, OK (CH)  
21 Jim Cook, Salisbury, NC (CH)  
21 Susan Harthon, Indianapolis, IN (CH)  
21 Jeff Hoppe, Broken Arrow, OK (CH)  
21 Ken Lake, Fort Mill, SC (CH)  
21 Adam Page, Kingsport, TN (CH)  
22 Sharon Eldridge, Smithfield, NC (CH)  
22 Joanne Henley, Winston-Salem, NC (CH)  
22 Jessica Prophitt, Warren AFB, WY(CH)  
23 David Lowe, Fort Worth, TX (CH)  
24 Robert Brown, Henrico, VA (CH)  
25 David Weatherspoon, Memphis, TN (CH)  
26 Elias Crosby, Lilburn, GA (CH)  
26 Anna Jacks, Birmingham, AL (CH)  
26 Tamara Witte-Walczac, Baltimore, MD (CH)

### Church Starters

23 Dustin Payne (CST)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

20 Lonnie Turner, Emeritus (FP)  
22 Kirk, Thailand (FP)  
23 Andrew, 1998, Thailand (FPC)  
23 Sarah Ballew, Emeritus (EP)

### Staff Members

24 Latoya Cross (S-Decatur)

# June 27–July 3, 2021

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

2 Corinthians 8:7



## CBF General Assembly

[www.cbf.net/assembly](http://www.cbf.net/assembly)

The General Assembly is the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's annual opportunity to gather for inspiration, education and connection. At General Assembly, attendees experience innovative training experiences, nightly worship, partner events and a vibrant exhibit hall with live podcasts and entertainment. It is a gathering of Cooperative Baptists from the United States and beyond.

General Assembly is designed for clergy, lay leaders and their families. Highlights include:

- Age-appropriate Assembly programs for preschoolers, children, youth and college students
- Gathering Place with dozens of exhibitors offering resources for ministers and churches
- Missions Market, where attendees interact with CBF field personnel and purchase items from around the world
- Special training and education for ministers and opportunities to connect with ministry and career coaches
- Inspiring worship and commissioning services for chaplains, pastoral counselors, church starters and CBF field personnel

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28 Roger Rich, Lexington, SC (CH)  
29 Kevin Adams, Cincinnati, OH (CH)  
30 Ira Campbell, Nashville, TN (CH)  
30 Margaret Guenther, Richmond, VA (PC)  
30 Amy Holtz, Richmond, VA (CH)

1 Kyle Boyer, Jacksonville FL (CH)  
1 Debra Walters, Lawrenceville, GA (CH)  
2 Jennifer Dockum, Ashland, VA (CH)  
2 Aaron Mussat, Shreveport, LA (CH)  
2 Steven Smith, Shreveport, LA (CH)  
2 Sara Hunt-Felke, Tampa, FL (CH)  
3 Elizabeth Ellis, Crestwood, KY (PC)  
3 Brenda Lee, Williamsburg, VA (CH)  
3 Ascanio Peguero, Fort Worth, TX (CH)  
3 Leland Parks, Louisville, KY (CH)

### Church Starters

29 Danny Buford, Memphis, TN (CST)  
  
3 Bill Sloan, Albuquerque, NM (CST)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

27 Alicia Lee, Macedonia (FP)

### Staff Members

29 Carrie Harris (S-Decatur)  
  
1 Paul Baxley (S-Decatur)  
2 Kyle Tubbs (S-Decatur)

# July 4–10, 2021

On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!

Mark 6:2



## Hunter and Mary Southeast Asia

[www.cbf.net/huntermary](http://www.cbf.net/huntermary)

Hunter and Mary serve in Southeast Asia among a minority people group in their country through education, resourcing, Bible translation and outreach. For 19 years, Hunter and Mary have formed relationships within this minority group that is feared and misunderstood.

In a country where less than one percent of the population is Christian and Christian resources are written from a different perspective, much of their ministry is outreach and creating and providing appropriate resources.

Hunter and Mary provide this support alongside partners in a variety of ways:

- Scholarships: providing opportunities for at-risk youth from the minority people group
- Resource Center: providing a wide range of resources such as training, network meetings and support for church planters
- Bible translation: providing books of the Bible in terminology that is familiar to the minority people group
- Street children: providing education and a healthy living environment for street children among this people group

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4 José Jimenez-Abrams, Austell, GA (CH)  
5 Coy Callicott, Louisville, KY (CH)  
5 Jeff Fryer, Murfreesboro, TN (CH)  
5 Amy Dills-Moore, Atlanta, GA (CH)  
6 Debbie Kubo, Arlington, TX (CH)  
7 Barbara Dail, Greenville, NC (CH)  
7 Steven Flowers, Waynesboro, VA (PC)  
7 P. Randall Wright, Rockhill, SC (CH)  
8 Renato Santos, Miami, FL (CH)  
8 Steve Sexton, Knoxville, TN (CH)  
8 Robert Summers, Lexington, KY (CH)  
9 Miriam Dakin, Lynchburg, VA (CH)  
9 Charles Godfrey II, Charlotte, NC (CH)  
10 John Helms, Jefferson, GA (CH)  
10 Heather Rothermel-Forrester, Lilburn, GA (CH)  
10 Whitney Edwards Russell, Whiteville, NC (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

6 Shelah Acker, Uganda (FP)  
10 Tiffne Whitley, Emeritus (FP)

### Staff Members

5 Mark Snipes (S-Virginia)  
6 Sam Harrell (S-Decatur)  
8 Ruth Perkins-Lee (S-Decatur)

# July 11–17, 2021

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places...

*Ephesians 1:3*



## CBF Seminars

[www.cbf.net/seminarian-retreat](http://www.cbf.net/seminarian-retreat)

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship values theological education as an important component of vocational ministry preparation. As a result, we consider it a joy to walk alongside individuals already in the process of pursuing a degree as well as those still in the process of discernment.

CBF's annual Seminarian Retreat brings together the largest network of theological and divinity schools connected to a national religious body. Attendees are able to build friendships with other students and leaders from across the Fellowship who will become life-long ministry colleagues. In addition, they explore student-generated topics that extend beyond the classroom into the realm of practical ministry and personal passion.

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11 Steven Shaw, Norfolk, VA (CH)  
12 Christopher Morris, Winston-Salem, NC (CH)  
12 Stacey Pickering, Laurel, MS (CH)  
12 Jerell Wesley, Rembert, SC (CH)  
13 Craig Stevens, Saluda, SC (CH)  
14 Denise Massey, Lilburn, GA (CH)  
15 Jean Randolph, Swannanoa, NC (CH)  
15 James Tippins, Fernandina Beach, FL (CH)  
15 Cameron Hunt, Wilmington, NC (CH)  
16 Amy Blevins, Jonesborough, TN (CH)  
16 Mark Hart, Fair Oaks Ranch, TX (CH)  
16 David McDaniel, Kansas City, MO (CH)  
17 Cindy Meadows, Roanoke, VA (CH)  
17 Leanna Pearse, St. Louis, MO (CH)  
17 Kimberly Sheehan, Nashville, TN (CH)

### Church Starters

14 Kan'Dace Brock, San Antonio, TX (CST)  
14 Nicole Iyoko, Raleigh, NC (CST)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

12 Mark Podgaisky, 1999, Ukraine (FPC)  
14 John Deal, Emeritus (FP)

# July 18–24, 2021

I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

*Jeremiah 23:4*



**Lita and Rick Sample**  
San Francisco Bay Area, California  
[www.cbf.net/sample](http://www.cbf.net/sample)

Lita and Rick Sample serve with the international and refugee community in the San Francisco Bay Area of California, being the presence of Christ through relationship-building, evangelism and outreach. The Samples strive to be effective communicators of the Gospel and God's message of love, hope and salvation.

The San Francisco Bay Area is a region where more than 100 languages are spoken and where diversity is displayed throughout the area. Lita and Rick seek to minister holistically to the international community, including immigrants and refugees from Afghanistan, China, Iran, Pakistan, Yemen, India and Turkey. Many predominantly Muslim ethnic groups live in the Samples' immediate community as well as a large number of Sikh, Buddhist and Hindu people.

Rick and Lita Sample reach out to refugees, immigrants and international students through relationship building, evangelism, refugee assistance, facilitating and hosting international student groups, ethnic church ministry, tutoring, teaching English as a Second Language, citizenship test preparation, prayer and facilitating mission trip experiences.

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18 Timothy Hunter, Gatesville, TX (CH)  
18 Tom O'Neal, Charlotte, NC (PC)  
18 Luke Tyler Moody, Elizabethtown KY (CH)  
18 Collin Wilcox, Lubbock, TX (CH)  
19 Steven Hill, Knoxville, TN (CH)  
20 Carol Ashworth, Richmond, VA (CH)  
20 Tim Mayhall, Birmingham, AL (CH)  
21 Peter Arges, Durham, NC (CH)  
21 Susan Lanford, Wichita Falls, TX (CH)  
21 Twyla Nelson, Jackson Springs, NC (CH)  
21 Walter White, Arlington, TX (CH)  
21 Lavonia Winford, Monticello, MS (CH)  
22 Jessie Kearns, Abbeville, SC (CH)  
22 Bonnie Reedy, Lumberton, NC (CH)  
23 Mark Traeger, San Antonio, TX (CH)  
24 Glynn Ford, Reston, VA (PC)

24 Laurel Link, Winston-Salem, NC (PC)  
24 Ronald Oliver, Goshen, KY (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

19 Jason Pittman, Miami, FL (EP)  
23 Butch Green, Houston, TX (FP)  
24 Casey, China (FP)

### Staff Members

21 Corina Atkinson (S-Decatur)  
24 Jeff Huett (S-Decatur)

# July 25–31, 2021

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

*Psalm 145:10*



## Karen Morrow

Fort Worth, Texas

[www.cbf.net/morrow](http://www.cbf.net/morrow)

Karen Morrow ministers among internationals and refugees who have been forced to flee their home countries due to violence and persecution. Hoping for a better life in a new country, they often find themselves overwhelmed and alone. Karen and partnering churches are the welcoming presence of Christ to refugees.

As we are experiencing what may be described as the greatest migration of people in history, many of the refugees coming to the United States are from countries which have been closed to traditional Christian witness or areas of conflict. God has given the church in the United States an unprecedented opportunity to restore hope and bear good news to the nations on our doorstep.

Refugees arrive with many needs—food, shelter, household items, clothing, relationships and a sense of community. They need friends and cultural guides to walk alongside them toward self-sufficiency.

Karen's ministry is simple. It involves everyday moments, life experiences and sharing the love of Christ by being a friend and welcoming new neighbors.

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26 Scott Jensen, Saint Joseph, MO (CH)  
27 Peter Ott, Okinawa, Japan (CH)  
27 Sandra Smith, Moore, SC (CH)  
28 Daniel Fairchild, Holly Springs, NC (CH)  
29 Wayne Morris, Lawton, OK (CH)  
29 William (Butch) Wise, Spokane, WA (CH)  
29 Briana Whaley, Clearwater, FL (CH)  
30 Paul Byrd, Birmingham, AL (CH)  
30 Garnett White, Midlothian, VA (PC)  
31 Amber Blackwell-Childers, Inman, SC (CH)  
31 Cindy Thorpe, Greenwood, SC (CH)  
31 James Tille, Lakewood, WA (PC)

### Church Starters

29 Carrie Tunning (CST)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

26 Rick Sample, San Francisco, CA (FP)  
28 Emily, 2000, Thailand (FPC)  
29 Karen Morrow, Aledo, TX (FP)  
30 James Francovich, Emeritus (FP)

### Staff Members

28 Seth Hix (S-North Carolina)

# August 1–7, 2021

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:35



## Gennady and Mina Podgaisky

Kiev, Ukraine

[www.cbf.net/podgaisky](http://www.cbf.net/podgaisky)

Gennady and Mina Podgaisky serve in Kyiv, Ukraine, where they facilitate the ministries of the Village of Hope, a ministry center that assists foster families. They also lead Bible studies, provide counseling, organize and lead seminars and retreats and provide training on the Life-Skills Manual for Youth.

Gennady and Mina helped establish the Village of Hope in 2003. The Village of Hope currently hosts three Ukrainian foster families with a total of 21 children. The Village of Hope also offers year-round camp facilities for local churches, Christian camp organizations and other groups to rent.

Mina is one of the authors and trainers of the *Life Skills Manual for Youth*, which offers Christian perspectives, tools and skills needed for independent living.

Gennady is a member of a local Christian counseling center in Kiev. Gennady and Mina also provide pre-marital, family and individual counseling. Gennady also preaches regularly at their local church. Gennady and Mina lead family, parenting and marriage seminars and retreats in various churches in Ukraine.

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1 Stephen Saunders, Live Oak, TX (CH)  
3 Mary Ellen Yates, Louisville, KY (PC)  
4 Mark Pruitt, Martinsburg, WV (CH)  
4 Diane Stamey, Clyde, NC (PC)  
5 Susan Allen, Midway, KY (CH)  
5 Ronald Howard, Tuscaloosa, AL (CH)  
5 Donald Lederer, Kingsport, TN (CH)  
5 John Oliver, Durham, NC (CH)  
5 Charles Hamilton, Stone Mountain, GA (CH)  
6 Larry Hamm, Greenwood, IN (CH)  
6 Deborah Jenkins, Novato, CA (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

3 Mina Podgaisky, Ukraine (FP)  
4 Hannah, 1999, Thailand (FPC)  
4 Paisley, 2012, Southeast Asia (FPC)  
5 Mary, Thailand (FP)  
7 Merrie Harding, Emeritus (FP)

# August 8–14, 2021

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

*Psalm 34:9-10*



**Janée Angel**  
Antwerp, Belgium  
[www.cbf.net/angel](http://www.cbf.net/angel)

Janée Angel serves, together with her husband, Hary, in Antwerp, Belgium, working particularly among the Arabic-speaking community, which is ever-growing in the midst of the world refugee crisis.

After working among Arabic speakers in an Arabic/French church in Brussels for six years, Janée and her family moved to Antwerp in a church planting effort to establish the first evangelical Arabic church outside the Brussels area. Today, the church holds weekly services and Bible studies, has a music ministry and children's program, with Janée hosting women's events and a prayer group.

Hary leads efforts to meet the many Iraqi and Syrian refugees arriving in Belgium, showing them the love of Christ. Together, Janée and Hary host refugee dinners and open their home to those with nothing. They also help to collect food and clothing for refugees during harsh winter months.

They also often walk the streets of Antwerp in evangelism efforts and have worked to unify the three evangelical Arabic churches in Belgium by planning meetings and united church services. Janée also teaches English in an evangelical school where 50 percent of the students are Muslim.

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9 Sarah Roome, Greer, SC (CH)  
10 Nicholas Wright, Ft. Campbell, KY (CH)  
11 Robbie Byrd, Fayetteville, NC (PC)  
11 Justin Murphy, Leesburg, FL (CH)  
11 Karen Rector, San Diego, CA (CH)  
12 Charline Berry, Baltimore, MD (CH)  
13 Rodney Bolejack, Denton, TX (CH)  
13 Thomas Dougherty, Mechanicsville, VA (PC)  
13 Wayne Maberry, Alturas, FL (CH)  
13 Johnny Taylor, Plano, TX (CH)  
13 Stephanie Bohannon, Pinehurst, NC (CH)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

8 Janée Angel, Belgium (FP)  
9 Elizabeth Sample, 1998, San Francisco, CA (FPC)  
10 Elliott Sample, 2004, San Francisco, CA (FPC)  
14 Mike, Southeast Asia (FP)

# August 15–21, 2021

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

*Ephesians 6:18*



**Hannah Turner**  
Research Triangle, North Carolina  
[www.cbf.net/turner](http://www.cbf.net/turner)

Hannah is appointed under CBF's Global Service Corps (GSC) program. She will work alongside seasoned CBF field personnel Marc and Kim Wyatt as Welcome House Ministry assistant coordinator.

Welcome House is a temporary residence for refugee families awaiting long-term, affordable housing in the NC Capital Region. Welcome House Raleigh is a collaboration of CBF Global Missions, CBF North Carolina, Crabtree Valley Baptist Church, area refugee agencies, local churches and businesses. Temporary housing is a practical way to bear witness to Jesus Christ through transformational ministry in relationship with local congregations. In addition to temporary housing, the ministry mobilizes churches and individuals for service in English as a Second Language, preschool readiness, neighborhood outreach, recreation and advocacy with refugees and immigrants in five Raleigh area communities

Each GSC volunteer secures financial support from partners who contribute toward a simple living stipend and field housing costs. Ministry and operational costs for their two-year assignment are borne by the field personnel unit that mentors them for the period of their apprenticeship.

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EP = Engagement Partner  
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15 Daniel Shadix, Prattville, AL (CH)  
18 Thomas Riley, Wilson, NC (CH)  
20 Jim Ivey, New Albany, IN (CH)  
20 Sharon Spivey, Wilmington, NC (CH)  
21 Inetta Riddell, Lake In the Hill, IL (CH)  
21 Alice Tremaine, Corbin, KY (CH)

### Church Starters

17 Susan Rogers, Jacksonville, FL (CST)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

16 Don McNeely, Emeritus (FP)  
17 Anna Sample, 2001, San Francisco, CA (FPC)  
19 Kaela Ruble, 1998, Southeast Asia (FPC)  
20 Joyce Cleary, Emeritus (FP)

# August 22–28, 2021

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

*James 1:17*



## Cindy and Eddy Ruble

Malaysia

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Cindy and Eddy Ruble serve in Malaysia, partnering locally and globally to transform systems of oppression, build capacity with partners, bring relief to vulnerable populations in the wake of disaster and empower young people through higher education.

Cindy works as an advocate for women and children. She has spent many years working to aid and empower the survivors of human trafficking. After successfully setting up a shelter with a local partner, Cindy has turned her focus to creating safer communities for women and children. Cindy and Eddy believe that together we can make the world a safer, kinder and more just world for both genders.

Eddy is CBF's International Disaster Response coordinator. Building on experience gained from responding to the Asian tsunami in 2004, he continued working in disaster relief in other regions of Asia. Eddy works collaboratively with donor partners, conventions and national Baptists as they respond to disasters around the world. CBF directs aid and assistance to the poorest and most marginalized communities to help them survive the immediate crisis of a disaster, with a focus on long-term transformational development.

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22 Daniel Hix, Maryville, TN (CH)  
22 William Thompson, Los Alamitos, CA (CH)  
22 Sharondalyn Dupree, Sacramento, CA (CH)  
23 Mike Bumgarner, Norman, OK (CH)  
23 Keith Little, New Bern, NC (CH)  
24 Timothy Boschen, Waynesboro, VA (CH)  
24 Craig Klemptner, Hewitt, TX (CH)  
24 Brian Wilson, Louisville, KY (CH)  
25 Robert McMillan, Oklahoma City, OK (CH)  
25 Megan Pike, Quincy, IL (CH)  
27 Jim Kirkendall, Biloxi, MS (CH)  
28 Sarah Greenfield, Honolulu, HI (CH)  
28 Penny Hoey, Greenville NC (CH)  
28 David Morrell, Jacksonville, FL (CH)  
28 Randal Walton, Lynchburg, VA (CH)  
29 Robert Blackwood, St. Petersburg, FL (CH)  
29 Pam Foster, Haslet, TX (CH)  
29 Blake Strother, Durham, NC (CH)

### Church Starters

23 Danny Prada, Miami, FL (CST)

### Field Personnel and Engagement Partners

22 Ana Podgaisky, 2001, Ukraine (FPC)  
23 Allen Williams, Emeritus (FP)  
23 Marc Wyatt, Raleigh, NC (FP)  
25 Arville Earl, Emeritus (FP)  
26 Cindy Ruble, Southeast Asia (FP)  
27 Verr Dean Williams, Emeritus (FP)



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hospitality to strangers,  
for by doing that some have  
entertained angels without  
knowing it.*

Hebrews 13:2

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