



**MISSION**  
CEDAR SPRINGS  
Live Deeply

# JULY NEWSLETTER

**come  
serve  
with us**

**summer 2025**

**YOU CAN ALWAYS  
FIND A LIFE-LONG  
MISSION PARTNER!**

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**KARM: EBED PREP**



**CAMPUS CLEAN-UP**



**KICKO WRAP PARTY**



**STOP BY AN ISAIAH 117 LEMONADE  
STAND BETWEEN JULY 18-20!**

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA TO FIND LOCATIONS!**

**DID YOU FIND YOUR LIFE-LONG MISSION PARTNER? LET US KNOW!**  
Are you still looking? Contact us for more ways to get connected!

We hope that you participated in the Come Serve With Us events to gain a deeper understanding of our local ministry partners and their mission to serve our community. By fostering personal relationships with these organizations, you can engage in meaningful service at events they host for many years to come.

## GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERS GUEST PASTOR FOR OUR CSPC SUMMER SERIES

**CLICK HERE TO WATCH!**

**GUEST PASTOR**



**GIOTIS KANTARTZIS**  
FIRST GREEK EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
OF ATHENS  
ATHENS, GREECE

**SUNDAY, JULY 6**  
**THE OUTWARD DISCIPLINE  
OF SUBMISSION**

**CLICK HERE TO WATCH!**

**GUEST PASTOR**



**GUNA RAMAN**  
CITY TO CITY  
ASIA PACIFIC

**SUNDAY, JULY 13**  
**THE OUTWARD DISCIPLINE  
OF SERVICE**

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!**

**GUEST PASTOR**



**TOBIE MEYER**  
CITY TO CITY AFRICA  
SOUTH AFRICA

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3**  
**THE CORPORATE DISCIPLINE  
OF CELEBRATION**

**MONTHLY  
MINISTRY  
PARTNER  
HIGHLIGHT!**

We invite you to join us in the  
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**JULY 27**

**LOCAL  
MINISTRY  
PARTNER**

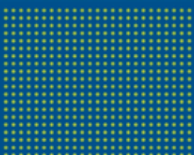


**COMPASSION  
COALITION**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

**MISSION CONFERENCE**  
**FEBRUARY 1-8, 2025**



**20:25:30**  
FIVE HUNDRED CHURCHES

**CLICK HERE TO WATCH "STORIES  
FROM THE FIELD" WITH JULIO CHIANG**

## MISSION CONFERENCE GUEST SPOTLIGHT: JULIO CHIANG



Julio Chiang, a missionary with South America Mission, leads the **Lima Initiative**. Julio has emphasized in the ministry over the years the importance of forming leaders for the church in the context of the local church. This emphasis on church-based leadership development has given Julio a vision for the church having a transformational influence not only spiritually in people's lives but culturally in society. Phase II of the Lima Initiative saw the planting of a new church in Miraflores and expanding their impact in Lima and South America, focusing on long-term transformation through strategic church planting in response to urbanization. Phase I, launched in 2015, established City Church in La Molina and included incubators for church planters in Lima and other regional capitals in Peru. Julio continues to train and guide church planters within Peru and throughout South America.



# short-term mission trips



Discover more information about these upcoming **Short-Term Mission Trips** clicking or scanning here!



Location	Contact	Dates
CHINA	Jeff Haun	July 24 - 27
MOZAMBIQUE	Angie Cannon	July 22 - August 4
BARCELONA	Scottie Hill	July 27 - August 12
CZECH REPUBLIC	Cary Lewis	September 25 - October 3
ETHIOPIA ACT (Medical)	Mike Green	November 7 - 16

## CREATING DEEPER CONNECTIONS!

# Young Life Spain

Spanish Students traveled to Knoxville. Now, we are off to Spain!



Join us in praying for our Short-Term mission group as they head to Spain to partner with the Young Life Spain team! Their aim is to help create an environment for students to experience the Gospel during "Joventura", a week-long Young Life camp.



## Are you or anyone you know attending UTK this fall?

Find out more about opportunities to join a campus ministry!

### DID YOU KNOW?

Cedar Springs currently partners with nearly 20 individual campus ministries.

### CHECK ONE OF THESE OUT:

- CAMPUS OUTREACH
- COLLEGIATE ABBEY
- THE CROSS (GREEK MINISTRY)
- INTERVARSITY
- NAVIGATORS
- NAVIGATORS INTERNATIONAL
- RUF
- RUF INTERNATIONAL



Click here to find an interactive list of our Local Mission Partners.



### Attending another school in the Fall?

Reach out to Mark Steimer (CSPC Pastor of College) for information about campus ministries available at your school.



Come join us in prayer for the coming school year!

## University of Tennessee Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, August 6  
6:30AM (Breakfast)  
7AM (Prayer)

in the Watershed at Cedar Springs

### Register Here

### Event Hosted by Collegiate Abbey

Event sponsored by HT Hackney, Home Federal Bank, Vessul Creative, K Brew, R&S Logistics, Olive St. Rising, Joan Cronan, and Donnie Smith

The time of prayer will include four guided prayer times led by leaders from both the university and the city.

## Join the Global Mission Group

Monday, August 11  
6:30PM  
in the Watershed

Click here to discover more about the Global Mission Group.

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## JOIN THE STORY

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL) MINISTRY AND HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST



## IS IT TIME FOR A NEW BACKPACK?

Consider donating your backpack from this previous school year!

Friends that visit Fig Tree here in Knoxville can use backpacks to carry food, clothing, and other personal items. Drop off your gently-used backpacks at the reception desk in the Cedar Springs' Administration Building.



Learn more about Fig Tree's Ministry here!





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KICKO SUNDAY SCHOOL



HOPE RESOURCE CENTER



KARM: EBED



CSPC CARING MINISTRY



KARM: SERVING WITH A SMILE



LAKEVIEW VBS



ELL FAMILY SOCCER

**WHERE WILL WE BE  
SERVING NEXT?  
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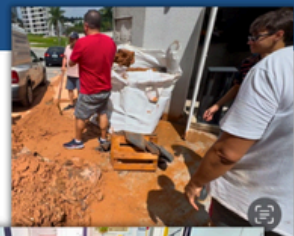
**THERE ARE MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO COME SERVE WITH US THIS SUMMER!**

Local events for families & individuals, young & older!

## UPDATE FROM BRAZIL: Church Planter Rafael Zacharias Martins



Pastor and new church planter, **Rafael Zacharias Martins of Bethaville Presbyterian Church in Barueri, Brazil**, recently provided updates after returning from our Mission Conference in February which he attended as a guest and speaker. Following his return, a devastating flood unexpectedly spurred transformation in the new church. In just a few months, they have completed a full sanctuary renovation which increased seating by 25%, celebrated baptisms, and welcomed his newborn son, Caio. The church's recovery showcased community teamwork and spiritual growth, alongside continuing their discipleship and ministry programs. This report highlights faith, unity, and divine provision.



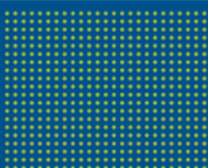
**"We praise God because He transformed what seemed to be a great loss into an opportunity for expansion and improvement. 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord' (Isaiah 55:8)."**

**Click here to read the full report and be inspired by God's incredible work in Barueri!**

**Click here to watch the renovation of the space!**

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**MISSION CONFERENCE  
FEBRUARY 1-8, 2026**



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FIVE HUNDRED CHURCHES

**CLICK HERE TO WATCH A VIDEO  
ABOUT DR. ERIC'S STORY!**

## MISSION CONFERENCE GUEST SPOTLIGHT: DR. YASSIR ERIC



Bishop Dr. Yassir Eric, born in Sudan, was radicalized as a Muslim but experienced a transformative encounter at 19 that led him to embrace Christianity after witnessing a miraculous healing. This decision resulted in his disownment by family and imprisonment. After overcoming initial rejection from Christian communities, he deepened his faith with the help of a Swedish missionary. Yassir later moved to Kenya and Germany, becoming a pastor and ultimately the Presiding Bishop of the Muslim Background Believers (MBB) Ecclesia in the Global Anglican Church. He plays a key role in Communion Messianica, supporting a growing movement of Christians from Muslim backgrounds despite facing opposition. His journey showcases resilience and inspires support for MBBs across over 80 countries.





WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN MISSIONS THIS SUMMER?

Follow CSPC Mission [@cspcmisions] on Instagram!



## MISSION HALLWAY **UPDATE**

Stop by the Mission Hallway to see the first panel installed highlighting our Global Mission Partner, European Refugee Ministry - **Dignity: Restoring Hope** in Prague, Czech Republic! **See more below!**



## WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

### PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

This May, Cary Lewis, the Director of Communications at CSPC, journeyed to Prague to collaborate with Tom and Petra Damms. Her primary objective was to support a pastoral retreat designed for pastors who have established Ukrainian churches in Prague over the past few years. These churches provide essential ministry to Ukrainian refugees displaced by the war. These retreats are organized by Dignity: Restoring Hope and Collegiate Abbey here in Knoxville. Cary is excited to continue this work in the future by leading teams to Prague throughout the year.

**Click here to read more about Cary's trip to Prague!**



### AL MASSIRA TRAINING

**JUNE 14 & JUNE 21 | 8:30AM - 6PM**  
**CEDAR SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

This engaging training experience aims to empower participants to utilize the Al Massira resources with friends interested in exploring the message of Jesus Christ. It prepares aspiring group leaders to:

- Establish a group
- Follow the five practical steps of Al Massira
- Facilitate constructive discussions
- Address challenging questions

**For additional information and to register, please reach out to Bob Mackey at [mackey.training@gmail.com](mailto:mackey.training@gmail.com) or Issa Issac at [issa.isaac@almassira.org](mailto:issa.isaac@almassira.org).**



Discover more information about the upcoming

**Short-term Mission Trips** as well as other Mission Events by clicking here or scanning the QR code!



**Join us in the Welcome Hall on Sunday, June 22 to discover how you can get involved with CSPC ELL Ministry!**

**MONTHLY  
MINISTRY  
PARTNER  
HIGHLIGHT!**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22**

**LOCAL  
MINISTRY  
PARTNER**



This ministry offers **FREE ELL classes** along with childcare services! They are in need of teachers and conversation partners.

### FAMILY-FRIENDLY CSWU OPPORTUNITY

**ELL FAMILY SOCCER & FELLOWSHIP**

Tuesdays (June 10 - July 29)

6:00 - 8:00PM

CSPC Ball Field



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### ALPHA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN LONDON, UK

Piers and Allie traveled to London to attend the Alpha Leadership Conference and explore a promising partnership with **Revitalise Trust**. This organization is seeking to revitalize the buildings of the Church of England and establish new churches to address the rapid growth of England's younger generation.



### VISITING REFUGEE MINISTRIES IN EUROPE

Our the Mission Administrator, Alison Fleetwood, traveled to Europe with a team led by Dale Berry, who heads our refugee ministry. Together, they engaged with numerous international partners and listened to some truly remarkable stories.



MARY BETH BERRY AND ALISON FLEETWOOD (CENTER) WITH UKRAINIAN REFUGEES



ALL NATIONS' MISSION PARTNER, SALOME WITH UKRAINIAN REFUGEE



MARY BETH BERRY, MONIKA KRAMER, SANAZ, ALISON FLEETWOOD, AND HANNAH WANG AT DINNER WITH IRANIAN REFUGEES



STEVE FLEETWOOD, MOSTAFA, JUERGEN, AND DALE BERRY AT DINNER WITH IRANIAN REFUGEES



ESTHER VAN SCHIE AND MARY BETH BERRY IN CONTAINER HOUSING FOR AN IRANIAN REFUGEE



MISSION HALLWAY

# UPDATE

We are sure you have noticed our hallway is currently being renovated. But rest assured, the pictures will return! Our aim is to fill the hallway with images of our partners and members

collaborating to showcase the work God is doing globally. We are confident these updates will continue to highlight both ongoing and future mission projects.

## MONTHLY MINISTRY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT!

We invite you to join us in the Welcome Center to learn more about ways you can get involved with our Local Ministry Partners.

Click here to watch the Monthly Ministry Partner Highlight video for KIN!



**KNOXVILLE  
INTERNATIONALS  
NETWORK**  
kin-connect.org

Thank you to KIN for joining us in April to share about their ministry! Remember, we are still gathering gift cards for KIN. Look for the Gift Card Collection Box in the Welcome Hall.



Sample Panel



Visit [cspc.net/mission](https://cspc.net/mission) to discover more about mission at Cedar Springs.

**MAY 18**

LOCAL  
MINISTRY  
PARTNER





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# Young Life Host Family

Bring the mission field home.

ONLY 3  
more host  
families  
needed!

June 24 -  
July 24



Interested in  
learning more?

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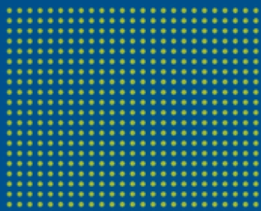
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UPDATE FROM OUR  
GLOBAL MISSION  
PARTNERS:

**ABHISHEK &  
JESSICA KUMAR**



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FIVE HUNDRED CHURCHES

Our mission ministry is in year three of the 20:25:30 Mission Initiative, aimed at establishing and fortifying as many churches as possible by 2030. This year we are inviting church planters that are part of our 20:25:30 Mission Initiative and several of our classic missionary partners. **We are excited to already have more than 15 confirmed guests from around the globe!** Make plans now to join us as we hear their inspiring stories of God's work within the global church.

[Click Here](#)

for the Most  
Up-To-Date  
Information about  
the 2026 Mission  
Conference.

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"Come Serve  
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Summer Booklet  
& Sign-Ups  
available on  
May 18!

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## SHORT-TERM MISSION OVER THE SUMMER!

	<b>Mozambique</b>	Strategic Cities: South Africa	June 30 - July 9
	<b>Zimbabwe</b>	Strategic Cities: South Africa	July 14 - 24
	<b>Barcelona, Spain</b>	Strategic Cities: Europe	July 27 - August 12
	<b>China</b>	Strategic Cities: Asia	July 24 - 27

Join us in person or  
in prayer for our  
summer short-term  
mission trips!



Discover more  
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## ALL NATIONS UPDATE FROM PIERS

ALL NATIONS  
HAMBURG HUB



Piers recently visited Hamburg, Germany, where he connected with an Iranian couple, Mostafa and Sana. They are establishing an Iranian church in the city, financially backed by our church. They collaborate with **All Nations**, our partner in refugee ministry in Hamburg. The church is flourishing, boasting about 160 members, and last year, they baptized around 50 people. Mostafa and Sana, themselves refugees who endured the challenging journey from Turkey to Germany, have lost everything, yet they have become a beacon of hope for Iranians seeking to rebuild their lives.

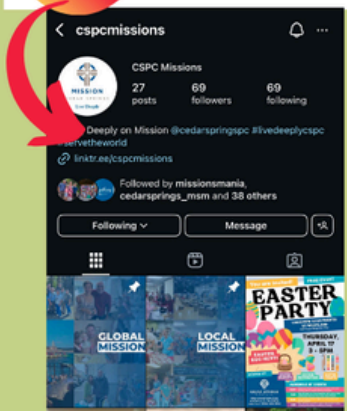


## 2025 LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSION DIRECTORY & PRAYER GUIDE



Cedar Springs Mission is responsible for a wide variety of ministry and evangelistic efforts through the service of the church body and through organizations that we support. This directory provides a brief snapshot of each ministry that we support, including ways that you can pray for and serve alongside these ministries and the people they serve.

Check out  
@cspcmissons  
on Instagram!



## STORIES FROM THE FIELD

We had the opportunity to connect with church planter Julio Chiang in Lima, Peru, to get an update on God's hand on his ministry. **Click here to watch our conversation and hear directly from the field.** As we spoke with Julio, it was clear that his passion for spreading the gospel is unwavering. He shares inspiring stories of transformation and hope, highlighting how the community has come together in faith. Despite the challenges, Julio's ministry continues to thrive, with new initiatives aimed at reaching more people and fostering deeper connections. We are grateful for the opportunity to support such impactful work and invite you to join us in prayer for Julio and his team as they carry forward the mission of growing the church.



## ENGAGE: Every Church, Every Saint in Great Commission Advance

**Engage** is an activity-based seminar designed to equip and mobilize believers and churches - **the harvest force** - to reach the **harvest field** both locally and globally.

### Seminar Highlights:

**Biblical Mandate** - Understand every believer and every church's role in the Great Commission.

**Explore** the unreached in your community and around the world.

**Enter** - Learn about natural points of contact in the harvest field.

**Engage** - Discover opportunities to send, go, and welcome.

**Saturday, April 12**  
**8AM - 3PM**  
**Redeemer Church**  
**of Knoxville**  
1624 Highland Ave  
Knoxville, TN 37916



Scan here or  
click here to  
register for  
this event.

Free Event with a  
recommended donation of \$35  
to help cover expenses.



**Want to be a part of Mission at Cedar Springs?**

You are invited to attend our Global Mission Group meeting this Monday (April 17) at 6:30PM in the Watershed.



# MONTHLY MINISTRY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT!

Did you hear about our March  
Monthly Ministry Partner?



<https://safe-families.org>

## APRIL

LOCAL  
MINISTRY  
PARTNER



KNOXVILLE  
INTERNATIONALS  
NETWORK

[kin-connect.org](http://kin-connect.org)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BLITZ HELD MARCH 7-8

Blitz is our 8th grade led in-town service retreat for all of our students.

This year our students served **KICKO** by packing more than 15,000 easter eggs and treat bags.



## SATURDAY MORNING WITH MISSION: THE CHURCH DURING WARTIME

On Saturday, March 29, the mission ministry hosted Pavlo Protopopov, a national leader of M4 in Ukraine, as he shared insights on church planting amid the war. Pavlo envisions a culture deeply passionate about church planting, both in Ukraine and beyond. If you were unable to attend in-person, you can hear more about his story [here](#).



**PAVLO PROTOPOPOV**  
M4 Ukraine National Leader

Discover more information about these upcoming **Short-term Mission Trips** as well as other Mission Events by clicking here or scanning below!



Location	Team	Dates
Germany & Netherlands	European Refugee	April 22 - May 2
Mozambique	Strategic Cities: South Africa	June 30 - July 9
Costa Rica	Student Ministry	July 12 - 19
Zimbabwe	Strategic Cities: South Africa	July 14 - 24
China	Strategic Cities: Asia	July 19 - 22 & July 24 - 27
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## MAKE AN IMPACT WITH YOUR DONATIONS!



A simple yet effective way to contribute is by donating to KARM Stores. You can

contribute clothing, toys, home decor, kitchen items, tools, and much more. Remember to mention Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church when making your donation! KARM tracks these contributions and provides quarterly gift cards to CSPC that assist with our walk-in neighbors, partner organizations, and mission partners.



## CEDAR SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN MISSION CONFERENCE

### 20:25:30



20 HUBS x 25 PLANTS BY 2030

Church planting is a FAITHFUL & FRUITFUL response to God's call in the gospel. This year's conference focused on the 20:25:30 Initiative, featuring guests from around the globe highlighting the efforts being made in global church planting. **Thank you for joining us to hear inspiring stories of God's work within the global church from 23 church planters from 14 countries. It is our prayer that their stories serve as a constant reminder of the power of faith and the impact God is making in their communities. We encourage you to stay connected, continue the conversations, and explore ways to support our church planting mission partners.**



We certainly missed you if you were unable to join us this year!  
Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to get involved with our mission partners!

[Click here to learn more about the 20:25:30 Mission Conference 2025!](#)

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**Interested in learning more about upcoming Short-Term Mission Trips?**

[CLICK HERE!](#)





**Have you heard?** A new way to meet our local ministry partners is starting soon!

# MONTHLY MINISTRY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT!

Starting on Sunday, March 23, Cedar Springs will host one of our local ministry partners on the fourth Sunday of every month. We invite you to join us in the Welcome Center to learn more about ways you can get involved with the organization.

MARCH

LOCAL  
MINISTRY  
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Safe Families  
for Children

<https://safe-families.org>

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# Young Life Host Family

Bring the mission field home.

June 24 - July 24



We are in need of  
**23**  
Host Families

Since 2011, our Young Life USA Camp program has provided Spanish students with the opportunity to stay with a Christian family, attend a week at Young Life Camp, and enhance their English skills.

By opening your home, you offer these students a chance to immerse themselves in American culture while experiencing a loving family life devoted to following Jesus.

Interested in learning more?

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## Language

You do not need to be bi-lingual to participate! We encourage families to use English as often as possible when speaking with the students.

## Flexible Hosting Durations

Students can stay with you for 1 week, 2 weeks, or the entire time.

## Daily Routine

Students can be included when running errands, visiting fun places, and shopping. Simple activities like sharing meals can have a significant impact.



# AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY

We have numerous ministry partners spreading the love of Jesus in nations where Ramadan will be observed in March. As the Muslim community enters this month of fasting and reflection, we have a chance to unite in prayer for their hearts to be receptive to the gospel. Prayer Tools is asking for commitments to pray throughout March, offering resources, daily reminders, and prayer prompts. **Click on the image to discover more about this opportunity to pray!**

Pray for Muslims during  
**Ramadan**  
2025  
March 1-30

1 SCAN the QR Code.

2 SIGN UP to pray 15min/day for 30 days.

3 INVITE your friends and family to pray too!

ONLY 15 minutes a day

GET STARTED NOW

# COFFEE HOUR WITH ETHIOPIA ACT



ETHIOPIA ACT

In our December Newsletter, we shared that Mike Green had led Ethiopia to collaborate with our long-standing partner, Ethiopia ACT. You can view an update about this ministry **here**.

# CONNECT WITH MISSION

## Friday Morning Prayer Group

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You are invited to join us for

GLOBAL MISSION GROUP  
**OPEN MEETING**  
MONDAY, MARCH 10 • 6:30PM

LEARN MORE

[cspc.net/news](https://cspc.net/news)







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# JANUARY NEWSLETTER

CEDAR SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN

## MISSION CONFERENCE

### FEBRUARY 2 - 9, 2025

## 20:25:30



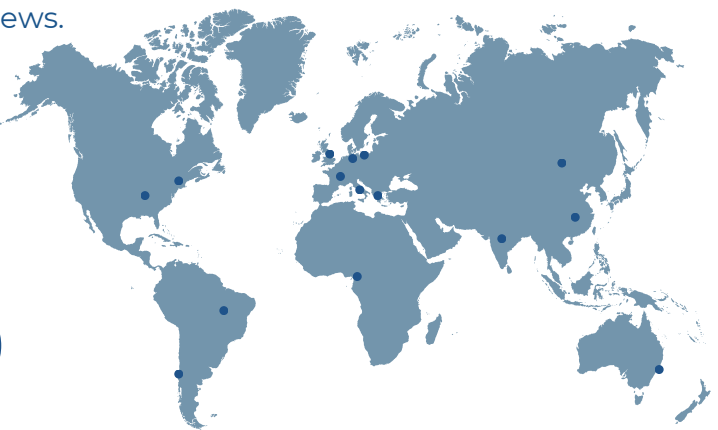
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**Missionary partners will be joining us from:**

<b>Australia</b>	<b>China</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>
<b>Brazil</b>	<b>France</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Cameroon</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Mongolia</b>	
<b>Chile</b>	<b>Greece</b>	<b>Poland</b>	

**Click here for the Conference Schedule,  
Guest List, and more information!**

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## MISSION CONFERENCE

2025 GUEST BIOGRAPHIES



### MOUYASSAR ALSHARF

Growing up in Syria in a Drusi community, Mouyassar got to know Jesus after encountering God's love through Christians on the road to

Germany as a refugee. He became a disciple maker and catalyst who is now raising leaders among the Arab speakers and Kurds to start house church movements in Hamburg, Germany with All Nations Germany. In addition to this, he coaches and trains leaders throughout the world. As a gifted teacher, he is now finishing his bachelor's in theology at Bethlehem College.



### FELIPE CONTESSE

Philippe is currently an elder at "Cristo Mi Pastor" Church in Santiago, Chile. He is actively involved in a mission he founded in 2017 along with Pastor Juan Pablo Juica in the city of Curicó, located approximately 120 miles south of Santiago. His greatest passion today is working and collaborating in church planting efforts in Chile. They are currently working on six church plants and have several more in the planning stages. He is also on the board in Chile of Martin Bucer Theological Seminar. He has been married Catalina for 12 years and they have two daughters with one more expected in May 2025.



### TIM COOMAR

Tim, born in London to Christian Greek-Sri Lankan parents, had a transformative encounter with Christ at 17 after turning away in his teens. He studied Modern Greek and German at Cambridge, feeling called to gospel work in Greece while in Thessalonica. After working with the International Student ministry, he moved to Athens to intern at a church, where he became one of the first church planters under a new vision. Tim completed a six-week training in New York and successfully planted a church in Exarcheia, Athens, which thrived during the pandemic due to a building acquired in 2018. In May 2024, he started serving as Interim Director for City to City Europe. He is married to Cynthia, an Athenian, and they have three children: Anna (11), Jane (9), and Jonathan (4).



### PETE EVANS

Pete is the lead pastor of Trinity Church in Manchester, where he focuses on planting healthy, culturally engaged churches to bring gospel renewal in a post-Christian UK. Despite growing up uninterested in faith, Pete experienced a transformative encounter with Jesus at 15, leading him to pursue full-time ministry and church planting. Trinity Church, planted during the COVID-19 lockdown, has seen growth as people rediscover God's grace. Pete and his wife Hannah, who met at university, have been married since 2010 and have two sons, Jack and Owen. Together, they have launched and led three church plants, with Pete having over a decade of pastoral ministry experience in both the UK and the US.



### ALFREDO FORHANS

For several years Alfredo was one of the leaders of the gospel and church planting movement in Cuba.

He has been living in the US for some time now and is part of the leadership of EPC Church Planting, in his position as Regional Director for Latin Church Planting. Alfredo is married to Daniel and have three children. Their daughters are married and he has two grandchildren.

J grew up on the mission field in Mexico City and first went to China in 2004 to teach summer English. He has been working with China Partnership since graduating from Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, GA. For three years he lived in a major Chinese city studying Chinese, doing campus ministry, and coordinating ministry between US and Chinese churches. He has worked with China Partnership for 18 years and currently serves as its Vice President. J is passionate to share about God's work in China. J lives in New York City with his wife and son and serves on the management team at Renaissance Church.



### CHINZO JARGALSADKHAN

Chinzo is a Mongolian pastor and theologian with a Master of Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary and a BA from the University of Finance and Economics in Ulaanbaatar. After his ministry training in the U.S., he returned to Mongolia in 2009 to establish the Word of Truth Church, where he pastored for nine years. In 2018, he furthered his theological studies at DTS to improve his preaching. Chinzo married Mandy in 2011, and they have five children. They returned to Mongolia in 2023 to focus on pastoral ministry and training church leaders. Chinzo also volunteers as a movement leader for City-to-City Asia Pacific in Mongolia.



### ROBERT KRAUSE

Robert has been a missionary, pastor, and church planter for nearly 30 years. Rob and his wife Sandy have been married for 31 years and blessed with two wonderful children who are currently in university in the US. After 2 years in Singapore, in April 1999, the Lord called Rob to plant their first church near Venice, Italy called Serenissima (which means "shalom, flourishing" in Italian). Later, in 2003 with a team of men, Rob established the Serenissima Ministry Group as a legal association to catalyze and organize holistic mission through discipleship and leadership development, pioneering new churches, and opening "Life projects" which impact the work and social fabric of the cities where churches are being planted. As a result, multiple new churches have been planted, and along with pastoring 2 congregations full-time, Rob oversees the ministry group which has now grown to 15 churches in 5 countries and over 25 projects to the glory of God alone.

**Registration for events will  
begin Sunday, January 19 in the  
Welcome Hall!**

Join us between each service in January  
to connect with the mission!

**The Church is God's method for reaching  
the nations with the Gospel.**

Last year at GMC 2024, the mission ministry introduced the 20:25:30 Mission Initiative, aimed at establishing and fortifying as many churches as possible over the next five years.

## 20:25:30

20 church  
planting hubs  
in strategic  
cities,

with each of  
the hubs  
planting, on  
average, 25  
new churches,

by the year  
2030.

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## THANK YOU!

We want to thank you for your incredible generosity and service over the holidays. Your unwavering commitment helped us serve 15 local mission partners, complete 28 service initiatives, and contribute 509 hours of service from

members and families. We exceeded our holiday compassion fund goals which provide even more support to our community. Your efforts have inspired us to serve in new creative ways and we're excited to see what the New Year holds for Local Mission.



**For additional service opportunities throughout the entire year reach out to [daltoncompeau@cspc.net](mailto:daltoncompeau@cspc.net).**

## Did you know that one of our areas of ministry in Community Outreach is our Weekday School?



We are currently supporting 11 families with scholarship funds to enable their children to attend Cedar Springs Weekday School for the 2024-2025 school year. This scholarship program aims to assist children from local international families or those from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds.



**[Click here for more information about Cedar Springs Weekday School!](#)**

Our mission is to respond to God's love by following Jesus – in loving God, loving one another, and **SERVING THE WORLD.**

## Joni & Friends Mission Opportunity

Cedar Springs currently partners with 50 local ministries, one of which is Joni & Friends. They are currently offering a mission opportunity through Wheels for the World.

### Wheels for the World™ Guatemala (Huehuetenango) May 31, 2025 - June 8, 2025

Wheels for the World™ offers the hope of the Gospel while providing life-changing mobility to people living with disabilities worldwide. Join a Wheels for the World™ Outreach to Guatemala! Serve with us as a Seating Therapist, Mechanic, Photojournalist, Seamstress, or in a Support role. Every team member will directly impact people living with disabilities in a life-changing way.



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**Merry Christmas!**  
Thank you so much  
for partnering with  
us in sharing the  
gospel near and far.

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

## WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

### NETHERLANDS, CZECH REPUBLIC, AND GREECE

Dale Berry traveled to Europe to meet with Global Mission Partners ministering to refugees in the Netherlands, Czech Republic, and Greece.



**Voula and Ilias Antouan**  
Bridges - Greece



**Tom & Petra Damms**  
Dignity: Restoring Hope - Czech Republic

### MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO ETHIOPIA

Mike Green led a team of eight CSPC members to Ethiopia to collaborate with our long-standing partner, **Ethiopia ACT**. We were able to deliver medical care at various locations throughout Addis Ababa. This journey can be both physically and emotionally challenging, yet it is immensely spiritually fulfilling. While we enjoy our Western comforts, our brothers and sisters depend on the Lord for all their needs. Click **here** to learn more about Ethiopia ACT.



*I think the team would say it was a blessing and honor to serve the people of Ethiopia by addressing some of their physical needs during clinic. God's mercy and love were poured out through prayer, tears and laughter. It was a deeply meaningful time as a team in service of God's kingdom!*  
- Heather Holt



**Interested in learning  
more about upcoming  
Short-Term Mission Trips?**

**CLICK HERE!**

**WHAT'S  
HAPPENING  
NEXT?**

**January 6-15, 2025**  
**Prague, Czech Republic**  
Dignity: Restoring Hope

**Interested?**  
Contact Mark Steimer  
Best for college-aged students

## COME SERVE WITH US: HOLIDAY EDITION



Thank you so much for showing up and being on mission here in Knoxville! We still have several events in December if you're looking for a way to serve this holiday season.



Click on the image to see the **Local Service Opportunities Guide**.



**Pressed for time this holiday season? There are numerous ways you can provide financial support to our local partners.**



**THRIVE ANGEL TREE**

Pick up a card to purchase an item for the Thrive Christmas Store.  
**See page 16 in the guide.**



Now collecting cold weather items or gift cards.

A QR code to their Amazon Wishlist can be found on **page 8 in the guide**.

**Want to know more  
about Local Ministry  
and our service events?**

**Email Dalton Compeau at**  
**daltoncompeau@cspc.net**



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2025 MISSION CONFERENCE

FIND OUT MORE!

20 : 25 : 500



HUBS PLANTS CHURCHES

**Join us February 2 - 9 for our annual Mission Conference!**

This conference will feature guests from around the globe and highlight the efforts being made in global church planting. We invite you to join us during the week to hear inspiring stories of God's work within the global church. A detailed schedule and a preview of our guests will be released in January.

**Missionary partners will be joining us from:**

Brazil	France	Italy	<b>United States:</b> Memphis, TN New York
Cameroon	Germany	Mongolia	
Chile	Greece	Poland	
China	India	United Kingdom	



## WEEKLY MINISTRY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

You may have noticed that during our services we pray weekly for one of our ministry partners. We invite you to join us in prayer for our highlighted ministry partners for the month of December.

**December 1**



**Tom & Petra Damms**  
Dignity: Restoring Hope  
Czech Republic



**December 8**

**HLAULEKA**

**Sybil Baloyi**

Hlauleka, Mumpswa  
Mozambique



**December 15**



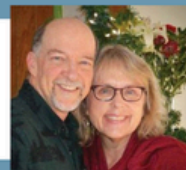
**Ron & Amy Barber**  
Team  
Philippines



**December 22**



**Annemarie & Mark Dye**  
Mesa Global  
USA



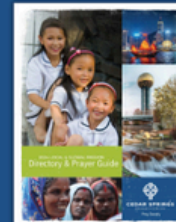
**January 5**



**Pete & Ruth Mitchell**  
Mission to the World  
France



**FIND OUT MORE!**



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This guide provides additional information about our CSPC ministry partners.

**Interested in giving back this holiday season?**

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## WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

### YOUNG ADULTS TRAVELED TO THE UK

"The vast majority of people do not profess a faith and most are skeptical of institutions like churches. When we went to meet the church planters, we got to meet the faithful people who are sacrificing so much for the gospel right now. The common thread through the whole trip was that God was able to use the sacrifices of the faithful, as small as they are, to accomplish His purposes."

- **Christopher Hanlon**

"The Global Church is so much bigger than Cedar Springs, YET we have such a crucial role to play. Speaking with this group of pastors and leaders reiterated that building the Global Church begins by loving your neighbors, serving your local community, and living deeply. In the UK, they are challenged to surround themselves with like-minded Christians, while my West Knoxville bubble makes it challenging to surround myself with nonbelievers. My perspective has shifted from being content on the sidelines to asking God for opportunities to live sacrificially so that more might know Him."

- **Channing Lewis**



### SHORT-TERM TRIP TO SPAIN & FRANCE

A group from Cedar Springs traveled to Spain and France to encourage several of our existing Global Ministry partners.



**Joe & Cindy Platillero**  
Torchbearers - Spain

**Nekane Larreategui**  
YoungLife - Spain



**Paul & Karan Davis**  
TEAM - France



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more about upcoming  
Short-Term Mission Trips?

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## WHERE ARE WE NOW?

### CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

**20 : 25 : 500**



### CHURCH PLANTING CONFERENCE

A dozen of our global leaders gathered in South Africa to deepen relationships and strengthen our ministry partnerships.

We held formal sessions on the gospel,

leadership pitfalls, and ministry obstacles. Informally, we prayed for each other, shared resources, and cheered each other on. It's an incredible privilege to partner in God's global work!



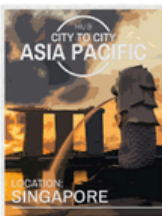
**Join us in prayer for Piers and James as God continues to nurture their passion for the growth of the Church.**

We are actively working on establishing 500 churches by the year 2030. Discover more about our Mission Initiative [here](#).



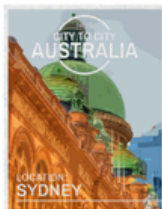
# WHERE ARE WE GOING?

## MALAYSIA, ASIA & SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



### Strategic Hub: City to City Asia Pacific

City to City: Asia Pacific has a mission to catalyze Gospel-centered movements in key cities across the Asia Pacific region, to help plant churches, and to facilitate the development of strong networks of pastors and ministry leaders within each city.

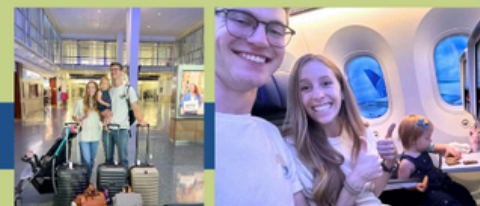


### Strategic Hub: City to City Australia

City to City: Australia has a mission to join with God to see unity movements commence and mature in Australia, enabling the whole church together, to serve the whole city, with the whole gospel, resulting in spiritual, social, cultural, and church transformation to the glory of God the Father.



**Join us in prayer for Piers as he deepens relationships with the local church planters.**



**Interested in following their journey on mission in Indonesia?**

**SIGN UP HERE TO RECEIVE UPDATES!**

## SEND OFF: PARTNERS TO INDONESIA

Joel & Michelle Johnson set off for Indonesia on November 3. Cedar Springs is dedicated to supporting them in prayer and through financial contributions as they begin their mission work in Indonesia.



Our GMC: Partner Care Team sent them off with a time of worship, prayer, and fellowship.



Our Friday Morning Prayer Group gathered with them for a time of prayer.



Click here to check out the **Local Service Opportunities Guide** and sign up to serve with us this season!

**We need your help to reach our goal!**

**Thanksgiving BOX DRIVE**

OUR GOAL: 1,250 BOXES x \$60 PER BOX = \$75,000

**CLICK HERE TO ADOPT-A-BOX**



Have you heard that English Language Learners (ELL) Ministry is actively growing at Cedar Springs? The ELL Ministry meets every Thursday morning and evening, along with hosting various events throughout the year. **They are currently looking for volunteers to serve as conversation partners — individuals who can dedicate an hour each week for an 8-week period to meet with an ELL student and help them practice their English.** If you're interested, please contact Emily Scoggins at [escogginslaw@gmail.com](mailto:escogginslaw@gmail.com).

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## WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

### YOUNGLIFE CAMP IN BARCELONA, SPAIN

7 college students from Knoxville traveled to serve at a Young Life camp outside of Barcelona, Spain in August along with Scottie and JoBeth Hill. They did whatever was needed behind the scenes so that leaders could focus on being with students and the students could have an amazing experience where they could encounter Christ.

You can read more from Scottie about their adventure [here](#).



Interested in learning more about upcoming Short-Term Mission Trips?

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Email Alison Fleetwood to find out more information.  
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**Join us in prayer for YL Spain as they boldly share the gospel with students.**

### **YL younglife** DAVID & SAMANTHA BELTRAN

#### YoungLife in Madrid, Spain



Sam and David have developed a program where Spanish students come to the U.S. for a month every summer to improve their English. The students live in Christian homes and attend a Young Life camp for a week.

## 20:25:30 MISSION INITIATIVE

**The Church is God's method for reaching the nations with the Gospel.** The mission ministry at Cedar Springs is actively engaged in the 20:25:30 Mission Initiative to sponsor the formation and strengthening of as many churches as possible.

## 2025 MISSION CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 2 - 9

**FIND OUT MORE!**

## WHERE ARE WE NOW?

### DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



#### Strategic Hub: Ras Al Khaimah, UAE

Dubai has established itself as a global business hub, hosting numerous international conferences, exhibitions, and events. The city's free zones and business-friendly policies attract multinational corporations, fostering a dynamic business environment. The UAE promotes a message of tolerance and multiculturalism, welcoming people from various backgrounds and religions.

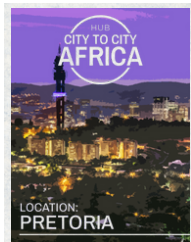


**Join us in prayer for Piers as he seeks to learn more about church planting in Dubai.**



# WHERE ARE WE GOING?

## CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA



### Strategic Hub: South Africa

City to City Africa exists to see the gospel of Jesus Christ transform lives and impact cities in Africa. Planting churches in Africa is relatively easy, but planting gospel-centered, healthy churches is hard. City to City Africa is helping infuse the pure truth of the gospel into churches and denominations across the continent.



**Join us in prayer for Piers as he makes new connections with church planters in the city.**



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**Next meeting: November 11 at 6:30 PM in the Watershed**

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**Are you interested in supporting global mission?**

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# Thanksgiving BOX DRIVE

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NOVEMBER 8-11

**OUR GOAL**



1,250  
BOXES

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\$60  
PER  
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**\$75,000**

**For each box you donate this year, come and write your name on a pumpkin for our Thanksgiving Box Drive Banner!**

You can find us in the Mission Hallway beginning Sunday, October 20.

**THREE WAYS TO HELP OUR 2024 BOX DRIVE BE A SUCCESS!**

### VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME!

Volunteer opportunities between **November 8 -11!** Registration is available online at [cspc.net/news](http://cspc.net/news).

### ADOPT-A-BOX

If you would like to contribute toward our goal 1,250 boxes at \$60 per box, please donate by visiting [cspc.net/give](http://cspc.net/give) and selecting "Holiday Compassion".

### COLOR A CARD

Pick up a Thanksgiving Postcard from the Welcome Hall to color and return to the Welcome Center by **November 3**.



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