



CEDAR SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN

# MISSION CONFERENCE

CELEBRATING STORIES

FEBRUARY 1 - 8, 2026



HEAR INSPIRING  
STORIES OF GOD'S  
WORK WITHIN THE  
GLOBAL CHURCH.



# GUEST LIST

Conference Guest	Organization	Location
<b>Eugénio &amp; Lina Balane</b>	YoungLife Africa	Mozambique
<b>Julio &amp; Olga Chiang</b>	Lima Initiative & South America Mission	Peru
<b>Coz Crosscombe</b>	The Well Training	Australia
<b>Petra &amp; Tom Damms</b>	Dignity: Restoring Hope	Czech Republic
<b>Yassir Eric</b>	EKKIOS Church	Middle East
<b>Pierre Rashad Houssney</b>	Horizons International	Lebanon
<b>K &amp; L</b>	WorldVenture	Indonesia
<b>James Mungai Kamau</b>	YoungLife Africa	Central Region of Africa South
<b>K</b>	Gospel Ambition	USA
<b>Mike &amp; Stephanie Kuhn</b>	WO-ITEN	United States
<b>N</b>	FOCUS	UAE
<b>P</b>	M4	Ukraine
<b>Scott Sanders</b>	Reach Australia	Australia

## LOCAL MINISTRY PARTNERS

<b>Eric Anderson</b>	Men of Valor	Knoxville, TN, USA
<b>Mark Roberts</b>	Knox Area Rescue Ministries	Knoxville, TN, USA
<b>Britton Sharp</b>	Collegiate Abbey	Knoxville, TN, USA
<b>Jani Whaley</b>	Knoxville Internationals Network (KIN)	Knoxville, TN, USA

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## Sunday, February 1

8 + 9:30 + 11AM	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> Bishop Dr. Yassir Eric, Guest Pastor <i>Nursery Provided</i>	Sanctuary
6PM	<b>Dinner with Bishop Dr. Yassir Eric</b> <i>Registration Required to Attend</i>	Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, February 4

6PM	<b>Children's Mission Conference</b>	Elementary Building
6:15PM	<b>Evening Service</b> Guest Speakers will include Tom & Petra Damms and Coz Crosscombe <i>Nursery Provided</i>	Sanctuary

## Thursday, February 5

7PM	<b>Men's Ministry: Pub Talk</b> <i>Registration Required to Attend</i> P, Guest Speaker	Barley's Pizzeria 200 E. Jackson Ave Knoxville, TN 37915
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## Friday, February 6

5PM	<b>Missionfest Dinner</b> <i>Ticket Required to Attend</i>	Gym
6PM	<b>Missionfest</b> <i>Nursery Provided</i>	Education Building

## Saturday, February 7

9:30AM	<b>Women's Ministry: Ladies' Brunch</b> <i>Registration Required to Attend</i> Petra Damms, Guest Speaker	Gym
6PM	<b>Host Conference Guest(s) for Supper</b>	Varied Locations

## Sunday, February 8

8 + 9:30 + 11AM	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> Julio Chiang, Guest Pastor <i>Nursery Provided</i>	Sanctuary
Between Services	<b>Connect with Mission</b> Learn more about Mission at Cedar Springs by visiting with members of the Global Mission Group, Friday Morning Prayer Group, Sports Ministry, and ELL Ministry.	Fellowship Hall
9:30AM	<b>Sunday School with Conference Guests</b>	Class Locations

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## A CALL TO PRAYER

We invite you to pray for the Lord's guidance in every step, every word, and every connection throughout the Mission Conference. May all who participate feel renewed and prepared to serve. Let us also pray for those who have yet to hear the Good News, that they may encounter the love and hope found in Christ. As we celebrate the stories shared by each conference guest, let us be inspired to take bold steps in our own faith journeys. May this Mission Conference ignite a passion for service and a commitment to sharing the gospel with all nations.

## MISSION CONFERENCE REGISTRATION LINKS



Sign up to  
Take a Mission Partner  
Out for a Meal



Thursday, February 5  
7PM  
Men's Ministry Pub Talk



Mission Conference  
Volunteer  
Opportunities



Friday, February 6  
5PM  
Missionfest Dinner Tickets



Sunday, February 1  
6PM  
Dinner with Bishop Dr. Yassir Eric



Saturday, February 7  
9:30AM  
Women's Ministry Brunch

## GUEST BIOGRAPHIES



### **ERIC ANDERSON**

**Men of Valor | Knoxville, TN**

Eric Anderson began his prison ministry journey in 2011 at Angola, the largest maximum-security prison in the U.S. Initially a simple visit, it became a profound calling. He has returned to Angola multiple times and served as a certified religious volunteer in Illinois's maximum-security facilities and Cook County Jail. The men he met in prison have deeply impacted his faith, showcasing God's grace and challenging his spiritual growth. With a background in sales and marketing, he now sees his role at Men of Valor as a chance to participate in God's mission to renew society, especially for those often overlooked. Inspired by Matthew 25, he believes that caring for the imprisoned is a way of serving Christ.



**EUGÉNIO & LINA BALANE**

**YoungLife Africa | Mozambique**

Eugénio and Lina Balane have celebrated eight wonderful years of marriage and are the proud parents of two children. Eugénio holds a degree in Information Technology and is currently pursuing a master’s degree in Business Management and Administration. He works as the Associate Regional Director of Young Life Mozambique, where he leads a dedicated team of passionate young leaders who are motivated by their love for Christ and for reaching lost children. His responsibilities include overseeing outreach and discipleship initiatives, as well as nurturing partnerships and collaboration with local churches—experiencing firsthand the transformative power of Christ’s love. One of his favorite verses is: “If you love me, keep my commands” (John 14:15). In his leisure time, Eugénio enjoys playing soccer and cultivating meaningful relationships.



**JULIO & OLGA CHIANG**

**Lima Initiative | Peru**

Julio Chiang is the founder and pastor of Iglesia de la Ciudad (City Church) in Lima, Peru, and serves as the Director of Iniciativa Lima. He also holds the position of City Catalyst with City to City Latin America and is a missionary with South America Mission (SAM). Previously a professional motocross champion, Julio is married to Olga, and together they are the proud parents of three daughters.



**COZ CROSSCOMBE**

**The Well Training | Australia**

Coz Crosscombe is an Australian urban ministry leader with a Master of Arts in Global Urban Ministry and a Doctor of Ministry focusing on Complex Urban Systems. He spent 28 years in Philadelphia, initially working with youth through Young Life Urban, then shifting to church-based economic and community development. He built strategic partnerships for community impact and served as Director of Urban Engagement at Cairn University. After returning to Australia in 2021, he now leads the Anglican Church’s efforts in Sydney to support marginalized communities. Coz is married to Joyce, a public school teacher, and they have three children: Saiyeh in Philadelphia, Melanie in Sydney, and Emma studying law in Sydney.



**PETRA & TOM DAMMS**

**Dignity: Restoring Hope | Czech Republic**

Petra and Tom Damms are the co-founders of Dignity: Restoring Hope in the Czech Republic. Since 2015, their ministry has been dedicated to supporting displaced individuals entering the country, responding to Christ’s calling. While their work is essential in helping people integrate and settle into a new environment, they aspire to achieve even more. They collaborate closely with refugees who have escaped their homes due to war, persecution, or terror. Their support comes in various forms—practical, physical, emotional, and spiritual. Ultimately, their mission is to serve the Lord and glorify Him through their assistance to those in need, while sharing His love and Good News to help expand His Kingdom.



**YASSIR ERIC**

**EKKIOS Church | Middle East**

Bishop Dr. Yassir Eric is the Presiding Bishop of EKKIOS Church and the Director of the European Institute for Migration, Integration, and Islam in Korntal, Germany. He also serves as a Professor of Islamic and Intercultural Studies at the European School of Culture and Theology in Korntal, Germany. He holds the distinction of being the first Muslim Background Believer (MBB) Bishop to serve the global church of MBBs. Born and raised in an Islamic country, he is a theologian and expert in Islam, sharing his knowledge across various universities and Bible schools throughout Europe.



**PIERRE RASHAD HOUSSNEY**

**Horizons International | Lebanon**

Pierre Rashad Houssney is a Lebanese-American who was raised in the realm of cross-cultural ministry, focusing on Muslims and international students. He earned a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from the University of Northern Colorado and is proficient in both English and Arabic. Pierre resides in Beirut, Lebanon, with his wife, Gigi, and their three children: Rami, Talia, and Jana. He leads a team composed of local nationals and missionaries who operate centers for evangelism and discipleship across Lebanon and neighboring countries. His initiatives include the School of Hope for refugee children and the Middle East Center for World Missions (MEC) in Beirut, through which Horizons collaborates with a network of over 130 Lebanese churches alongside numerous foreign churches and organizations that minister to Muslims.



**JAMES MUNGAI KAMAU**

**YoungLife Africa | Central Region of Africa South**

James Mungai Kamau has been actively engaged with Young Life since 2005. He previously held the position of Senior Vice President for the Young Life Africa West Division, where he managed initiatives across West Africa, North Africa, and the Middle East. Currently, his focus is on the Africa South region, specifically in Tanzania, Zanzibar, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Burundi. James was born in Kenya.



**MIKE & STEPHANIE KUHN**

**World Outreach-ITEN | United States**

Mike Kuhn is the Director of the EPC’s International Theological Education Network (ITEN), focused on training church leaders in unreached communities. With 28 years of experience, he specializes in discipleship and leadership development in Muslim-majority contexts. His wife, Stephanie, serves as a coordinator of communication for ITEN, implementing best practices in cross-cultural education. She supports ITEN’s mission to develop leaders in areas where the gospel is less known, drawing on her international experience and educational expertise. ITEN partners with indigenous movements to develop leaders for new churches and church-planting movements among people groups with little access to the gospel.



**MARK ROBERTS**

**KARM | Knoxville, TN**

Mark Roberts began as a volunteer at KARM and now serves as an employee, focusing on community engagement and church partnerships. His work is centered on connecting local churches and community organizations to proactively serve with Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries. Just four words... but these words welcome over 5,000 men and women into the KARM each year. Since 1960, KARM has supported individuals grappling with homelessness, poverty, mental health challenges, and addiction in their journey to rebuild their lives—creating a future filled with a home, employment, and nurturing relationships; a life that is healthy, whole, and restored. Restoring lives in the name of Jesus—that’s the mission KARM embraces.



**SCOTT SANDERS**

**Reach Australia | Australia**

Scott Sanders, Executive Director of Reach Australia, began his career as a tax lawyer at PwC, focusing on transfer pricing and international tax. His journey into ministry started at Sydney Missionary & Bible College, driven by a desire to plant churches in France. For the past 16 years, he has been leading Reach Australia, successfully planting over 160 churches through their network and nurturing more than 500 church leaders and their teams via leadership development programs. This year, he celebrated 21 wonderful years of marriage with his wife, Natalie, and together they have four daughters aged 20, 18, 16, and 14.



## **BROOKS & BRITTON SHARP**

**Collegiate Abbey | Knoxville, TN**

Brooks and Britton have a combined 48 years of experience in ministry, having served both in the United States and in Central and Eastern Europe. Brooks is an alumnus of Clemson University, while Britton graduated from The University of Tennessee. Their friends describe them as artistic individuals who are passionate about conveying that everyone is loved, valued, and cared for through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Together, they are proud parents of three wonderful children.



## **JANI WHALEY**

**Knoxville Internationals Network | Knoxville, TN**

Jani first joined KIN as Volunteer Outreach Coordinator in 2017, then stepped into the Executive Director role in 2020. Her previous experiences include working with refugees and other internationals both locally and overseas. Jani has six grown children and two grandchildren. The Knoxville Internationals Network (KIN) is a ministry dedicated to serving the international community in Knoxville, TN. KIN connects local internationals with resources and like-minded partners to support their integration into the community. The ministry aims to empower relationships that embrace diverse cultures and encourage unity. KIN also collaborates with local churches, agencies, and volunteers to create a welcoming environment for internationals in Knoxville.

## **K & L**

K & L are strategically dedicated to reaching the last unreached nations in Sulawesi and across Indonesia. They have established cultural tourism as a platform that enables them to live and operate in this restricted region. Alongside a team of Indonesian brothers and sisters and fellow WorldVenture workers, their aim is to ignite Disciple-Making Movements among seven of the ten unreached people groups in this province. They are focused on fostering rapidly multiplying movements of disciples, churches, and leaders among the groups known as the Tolaki, Bajo, Wawonii, and Muna.



## **K**

K works together with his wife to fulfill the Great Commission in this generation alongside you. They share the message of resurrection power and generously provide their tools and training in up to 50 languages through platforms including Zume.Training, Prayer.Global, Prayer.Tools, Kingdom.Training, and Disciple.Tools. Sign up to receive monthly testimonies of God's work at [GospelAmbition.org](http://GospelAmbition.org).



## **N**

N serves as the national director of Focus, a student ministry located in the Arabian Peninsula. For more than 20 years, Focus has been actively present on university campuses throughout the United Arab Emirates, sharing the gospel with hundreds of students hailing from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds.



## **P**

P began his journey with Christ in 2010 in Ukraine and felt a strong calling toward ministry right from the start. Since then, he has played a vital role in establishing three new churches. In 2018, he founded Reconciliation Bible Church, where he currently serves as pastor. Additionally, P hosts a YouTube channel named "PASTORY," where he conducts interviews with pastors to explore the topic of church planting. He is also the CEO of the M4 European church planting network in Ukraine. P envisions a culture deeply passionate about church planting, both within Ukraine and beyond. He has been happily married since 2011, and has three children. His wife actively engages in discipleship and family ministry at their local church in Uman.



# MISSIONFEST

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6 | 6 PM

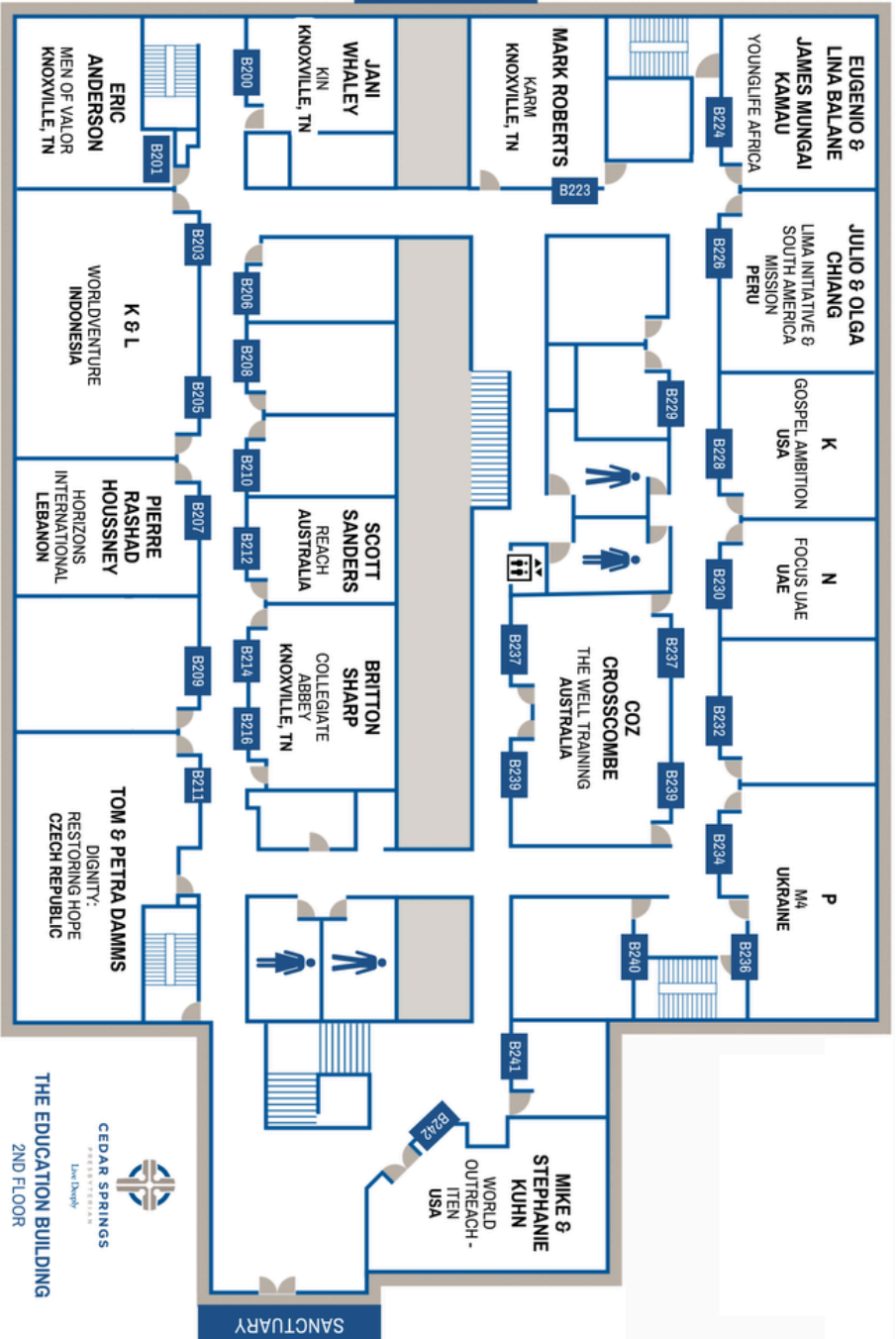
Conference Guest(s)	Ministry	Room
Eric Anderson	<b>Men of Valor</b> Knoxville, TN	B201
Eugenio & Lina Balane James Mungai Kamau	<b>YoungLife Africa</b> Mozambique & Central Region of Africa South	B224
Julio & Olga Chiang	<b>Lima Initiative &amp; South America Mission</b> Peru	B226
Coz Crosscombe	<b>The Well Training</b> Australia	B237/B239
Petra & Tom Damms	<b>Dignity: Restoring Hope</b> Czech Republic	B211
Pierre Rashad Housney	<b>Horizons International</b> Lebanon	B207
K & L	<b>Worldventure</b> Indonesia	B203/B205
K	<b>Gospel Ambition</b> USA	B228
Mike & Stephanie Kuhn	<b>World Outreach - ITEN</b> USA	B242
N	<b>FOCUS</b> UAE	B230
P	<b>M4</b> Ukraine	B234/B236
Mark Roberts	<b>KARM</b> Knoxville, TN	B223
Scott Sanders	<b>Reach Australia</b> Australia	B212
Britton Sharp	<b>Collegiate Abbey</b> Knoxville, TN	B214/B216
Jani Whaley	<b>KIN</b> Knoxville, TN	B200

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# MISSIONFEST MAP

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

RECEPTION HALL



CEDAR SPRINGS  
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THE EDUCATION BUILDING  
2ND FLOOR

# SUNDAY SCHOOL GUEST SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 | 9:30AM

Sunday School Class	Conference Guest(s)	Room
Community	<b>Mike &amp; Stephanie Kuhn</b>	B242
Cornerstone	<b>Eugenio &amp; Lina Balane James Mungai Kamau</b>	B224
Covenant & Rooted	<b>Petra Damms</b>	The Chapel
Doulos & Homebuilders	<b>Steve Moldrup</b>	B234/B236
Emmaus	<b>Eric Anderson</b>	E119/E120
Iron Sharpens Iron	<b>Coz Crosscombe</b>	B237/B239
Journeys	<b>K</b>	B228
Life Together	<b>Pierre Rashad Housney</b>	B207
Pursuit	<b>Britton Sharp</b>	B214/B216
The Gathering	<b>Jason &amp; Rachel Stankus Mikkel &amp; Teg Tegelaar</b>	B226
Saints Alive and SALT	<b>K &amp; L</b>	B203/B205
Seekers	<b>N</b>	B230
Siloam	<b>Jani Whaley</b>	B241
Speak Out	<b>Mark Roberts</b>	B137
The Sunday Study	<b>Olga Chiang</b>	B209
The Well	<b>Tom Damms</b>	W124
Student Ministry Middle and High School	<b>P</b>	W131

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**MISSION INITIATIVE**

**20 : 25 : 30**



**FIVE HUNDRED CHURCHES**

Then He said to His disciples,  
“The harvest is plentiful, but  
the laborers are few; therefore  
pray earnestly to the Lord of  
the harvest to send out  
laborers into His harvest.”

MATTHEW 9:37&38

We are currently beginning our third year of assisting in the establishment of:

20 church  
planting hubs  
in strategic  
cities,

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

by the year  
2030.

A church established today can influence the lives of  
people for generations to come. Your contribution to the  
Global Mission Fund will have an eternal impact.



Visit [cspc.net/ministries/mission](http://cspc.net/ministries/mission) to discover more  
about Mission at Cedar Springs, including our 20:25:30  
initiative and the various ways you can get involved.



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