

The Enduring Mission



2027
MISSIONS

ROMANS 5:1-5



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THE ENDURING MISSION

2026 has been a year of celebration for Living Hope Baptist Church as we marked a significant milestone: our 50th Anniversary of existing as a church! We have celebrated times and memories past while emphasizing the Gospel at the very heart of who we are. In the end, our story is the story of how God was, is and will be faithful. Living Hope exists because God empowers her to do so.

As we wind down the celebrations of the past and turn to look to the future of what God is calling us to do, at least one thing remains clear. We are called to make disciples of every tribe tongue and nation! As long as Living Hope exists, she will endure in the mission God has given her.

Every athlete knows that the ability to endure depends upon a variety of factors including, nutrition, physical training, mental preparation, teamwork and encouragement. The Apostle Paul knew this well. In the opening verses of Chapter 5 of his letter to the Roman church the Apostle Paul describes the elements that are added to the life of the believer that empowers them to endure. It is here where we read about “peace, faith, grace, hope, and affliction as the means and training for endurance. Just as the church is empowered by God to exist, she is also empowered to endure!

It’s truly amazing that the goodness and faithfulness of God not only causes his people to endure but also is at the heart of the message that we are sent to proclaim to the lost!

We endure in missions by coming alongside our partners here in Bowling Green and around the world, we have the privilege of engaging in our partners ministries to share the Gospel, make disciples, and plant churches in places where there is little to no access to the Gospel message. At the same time, we get the opportunity to be an encouragement to them and grow as disciples ourselves.

Until Jesus returns, the church endures in His mission!

Clay Mullins
Lead Pastor for Impact Missions & Administration

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TO PRAY AND TO PARTNER

Living Hope Missions is about making disciples who make disciples of all peoples by sending out Hopers to proclaim the Gospel. In this booklet, you will find our all-encompassing vision for partnership in 2027 from Bowling Green to the other side of the globe. As you flip through this book, you will see short-term opportunities to be sent, overviews of ministry areas within Living Hope Missions, and profiles for each of our partners.

We encourage you to use this book as an invitation to join in God's mission, as information about how Living Hope proclaims the hope of Jesus, and as a prayer tool as you pray for God's work to be done through Living Hope. Read about Living Hope Missions and know that you are sent! Please pray for God to show you how you can partner in 2027.

For in-depth information about mission trips in 2027,
go to livehopeful.com/sent.





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HOW TO PARTNER

There are many ways God may lead you to participate in one of these exciting opportunities:

PRAY for the men, women, and children who will be led to serve by going. Pray for their training, health, and safety as each one reaches out to impact the Kingdom of God.

SEND to this ministry as God leads you. Not all are called to go, but some are called to support others through financial resources.

BE SENT and extend yourself. Be a part of what God is doing around the world! The Great Commission calls every disciple to be a disciple maker both here at home and all across the globe.

Visit us online at
livehopeful.com/ministries/missions-global-impact.





GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Membership Status

Living Hope members have first priority for all teams. Non-members are eligible for designated trips only (approval for a non-member to join a team is based on availability, membership in a SBC church, and a covenant agreement to follow Living Hope guidelines while on a team). Children may participate with parents on designated “family” trips without completing membership.

Global Impact Forms

All team members must complete the following documentation in order to be eligible for a team: mission application form, social media covenant, mission trip covenant, medical release, and background check permission. Some trips with other organizations may require additional documentation. Some international trips require a travel visa and medical preparations. Trip forms will be provided at the first team meeting.



Team Training

Most teams will require 2-3 training and/or preparation meetings. Team members should be prepared to participate in planning, preparing needed supplies and programming, and participating in a pre-trip packing session. Evangelism training, using the three circles or other approved methods, is required. Task specific training for most teams is required, including watching training videos. Each person 18 years or older is required to complete the designated Child Protection Video training.

Financial Responsibility to Team

Living Hope, through the Gift for Christ offering, provides members with a significant reduction in trip fees. Non-members are not eligible for Gift for Christ reductions and will pay actual trip costs. Gathering Grounds volunteer dates are provided to assist the team members with trip fees. If you remove yourself from the team after the deadline, you will be responsible for any expense incurred because of your previous commitment to the trip and team.



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Deadlines and Team Status

The Global Impact Office sets all deposit and donation deadlines. To be confirmed as a full team member, each participant must meet the initial deposit deadline, the second donation goal, and complete both a background check and the child safety training. Missing these deadlines may result in removal from the team so the spot can be offered to someone on the waiting list. Required dates and additional trip details are available on the Impact Missions page at livehopeful.com.

How to Make Payments

- Global Impact Office, Monday–Thursday
- Gathering Grounds drop box
- Online payment, scan the QR code



Important Reminders

- Team member fees cover transportation, lodging, meals, and travel insurance.
- Participants who withdraw after the deadline are responsible for any planning or preparation costs incurred before notifying the Global Impact Office that they will not participate.
- Make checks payable to Living Hope Baptist Church and include the trip name on the memo line.
- Send mailed donations to the address below:

Living Hope Baptist Church
Attn: Global Impact Office
1805 Westen Street
Bowling Green, KY 42104

- Mission trip fees are considered charitable donations to the team, so excess or unused funds cannot be refunded.
- The remaining trip balance must be paid to the Global Impact Office at least two weeks before departure.
- Non-members are not eligible for Gift for Christ reduction and will pay the actual cost of trip. Contact Global Impact Office for the exact cost.



Support Raising & Assistance

Because missions are a Kingdom effort, all team members are encouraged to invite others to partner with them financially, especially those seeking scholarships or assistance. Before beginning any fundraising, please contact the Global Impact Office for fundraising guidelines.

Financial assistance may be available for Living Hope members who wish to serve on a team. Assistance is intended to help reduce the cost of the trip, not cover the full amount, and is considered on a case-by-case basis. Because assistance is not guaranteed, team members should make every effort to raise or secure the needed funds before applying.

Each team member will have the opportunity to serve alongside their team in Gathering Grounds. Proceeds earned during their scheduled service time will be divided equally among team members to help reduce the overall trip cost.





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PARTNERSHIP PERKS

Living Hope has some very special mission partners that have been called out from our church family. Scripture is clear that we send our people out “in a manner worthy of God” (3 John 6). Therefore, we want to support these families that have been called out by making it easier for our local members to go. Partnership Perks allows us to invest in the ministries of these families by making these trips more affordable.



The Global Impact Committee and Elders have approved a flat cost for most of our international partnership trips. Each year, based on our Gift for Christ donations, the Global Impact Committee will determine the number of participants/slots that can receive this partnership perk rate.

There are requirements to receive a partnership perks rate:

- You must be an LHBC member.
- You must pay the initial trip deposit.
- You can only receive one scholarship per calendar year.
- You must also be willing to make a trip presentation to a Children/Youth/College/Adult Bible Fellowship, small group, or the church.

Other Expenses

The trip participant can expect additional expenses over and above the trip fees mentioned in this booklet. For example, some countries in Africa may require vaccinations. In addition, the participant may be required to obtain or renew a passport. Some trips may require special clothing, depending on the climate and culture.





YOUR GLOBAL SENT ONES



Fast Facts

Sent: 2022

What we did before we became missionaries:

Ryan - Fire Fighter & worked in LH Global Impact

Jenni - Substitute teacher & volunteer in Women's Ministry

How do you relax:

Ryan - Catching up on sports

Jenni - Reading historical fiction

Eastern Europe

Favorite Food: Fresh produce, Sarmale & Placinta

Favorite Experience: The villages are like going back in time to where everyone knows each other

Favorite quality about the local people: Once you meet & deepen relationships, they are so hospitable & selfless

Prayer Prompts

- Pray that God would grow and strengthen our team, and that He would use us to faithfully take the gospel to those who are still far from Christ.
- Pray for our new church plant in our city--that God would establish a healthy, multiplying church and help us to develop disciples who are committed to making other disciples for Jesus.
- Pray for the teams we oversee throughout Eastern Europe--that God would give us wisdom to encourage and strengthen them, motivate them toward faithfulness, and provide strategic insight that helps advance their ministries among the people they are seeking to reach.



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YOUR GLOBAL SENT ONES



Will & Laura

Fast Facts

Sent: 2006-2009 (India), 2012-2020 (Greece), & 2023 (England)

What we did before we became missionaries:

Will - Restaurant Manager
& Lay Leadership/Interim
Pastoral Roles

Laura - Real Estate

Most missed American Food:
Chick-fil-A & Kyoto Gardens

How do you relax: Movie nights
with popcorn or family game
nights

Prayer Prompts

- Pray for Hunter and Hudson as they continue homeschooling. Pray for Hunter especially as we start the process of looking at colleges and figuring out next steps beyond high school. Pray for Knox, Luke, and Noah in their local British school.
- Pray for new church planting leaders in Algeria and Tunisia.
- Pray for a new network of churches in Pakistan who are facing persecution.

England

Favorite Food: Fish & chips,
biscuits (cookies)

Favorite Experience: Watching
the Clash of Knights at Dover
Castle and seeing Stonehenge

**Favorite quality about the local
people:** The people are extremely
helpful and kind



YOUR GLOBAL SENT ONES



Barry & Carolyn

Fast Facts

Sent: 1992, 2006-2009, 2020

What we did before we became missionaries:

Barry - Pastor & BGPD Police Officer

Carolyn - Teacher at Warren Elementary

Most missed American Food:

Zaxby's, Chick-fil-A, Cracker Barrel, & Rafferty's

How do you relax: Reading, running, & power naps

Prayer Prompts

- Pray that God will guide us to meet & develop gospel-centered relationships with more Muslims that lead to salvation, mature disciples, and fruitfulness.
- Pray that those who have come to faith and have been disciplined but are scattered will remain rooted in Christ and make disciples.
- Pray for us to maintain humble hearts, abiding in Christ and His word, so our lives and relationships are transformed more in the likeness of Jesus.
- Pray for God to provide for, protect, and maintain our family both on the field and in the United States.

Caucasus Region

Favorite Food: Khatchapuri and Khinkali

Favorite Experience: Meeting our Iranian friends and experiencing life with them

Favorite quality about the local people: Very hospitable and willing to help if we have a need



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Jacob & Cara

Fast Facts

Sent: 2014

What we did before we became missionaries:

Jacob - Part-time Jobs at Living Hope

Cara - Taught Flute Lessons

Most missed American Food:
Chick-fil-A

How do you relax: Being in fellowship with believers, exercising, & being outside

Prayer Prompts

- Pray for our family to have wisdom in managing our home and discipling our kids. Pray for their salvation and continued growth in the faith.
- Pray for our ministry. We are experiencing an expansion by God's grace and kind providence. Pray for fruit to come of bold and obedient evangelism happening weekly. Pray for strengthening of believers through women's Bible studies. Pray for stamina and wisdom in managing our energy and time to match the changes in ministry.
- Pray for qualified leaders to step in to place at the church plant in Carvalhos. Praise God for the continued steps toward autonomy from the planting church that we are seeing.

Portugal

Favorite Food: Francesinha sandwich or roasted chicken

Favorite Experience: We love visiting our zoo

Favorite quality about the local people: The Portuguese are very friendly and helpful



YOUR GLOBAL SENT ONES



Fast Facts

Sent: 2006

What we did before we became missionaries: High School Pastor at Living Hope

Most missed American Food: Mexican, Kyoto Gardens, Chick-fil-A

How do you relax:

Mark - Piano, house projects, reading, playing ball with sons

Parker - Baking, organizing, watching Hallmark movies

Prayer Prompts

- Pray for peace and stability to return to Niger and for the violence and chaos caused by terrorists to come to an end. Pray also for the country to once again issue visas for Americans so that we might return.
- Pray for a growing network of churches across French-speaking West Africa (called RADE) that we have launched.
- Pray that through these churches the gospel would be preached clearly and biblically and also sent out to peoples and places where they have no access to the Gospel.
- Pray for healthy churches to be started and strengthened across this region.

West Africa

Favorite Food: Dembou & Surundu

Favorite Experience: The firsts - first person to confess Christ, to be baptized, first church to be planted in a place where Christ has never been named before

Favorite quality about the local people: Unrelenting hospitality. They treat you as a gift.

2027 Mission Opportunities

GLOBAL IMPACT

NATIONAL IMPACT

WEST AFRICA
JAN 8-16
HOPE CO.

PORTUGAL
JAN 16-24
INVITATION ONLY

NEW YORK CITY
JAN 29-FEB 5
CONSTRUCTION

SOUTH AFRICA
FEB 12-23
ON TO VICTORY

MAR

ENGLAND
APR 3-10
HIGH SCHOOL

PORTUGAL
MAY 31-JUNE 7
INVITATION ONLY

SOUTH AFRICA
JUNE 18-29
ON TO VICTORY

CHICAGO
JUNE 20-26
HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE

JAN

FEB

APR

MAY

PORTUGAL
MARCH 29-APR 6
HOPE CO.

CLARKSTON, GA
MARCH 13-20
HOPE CO.

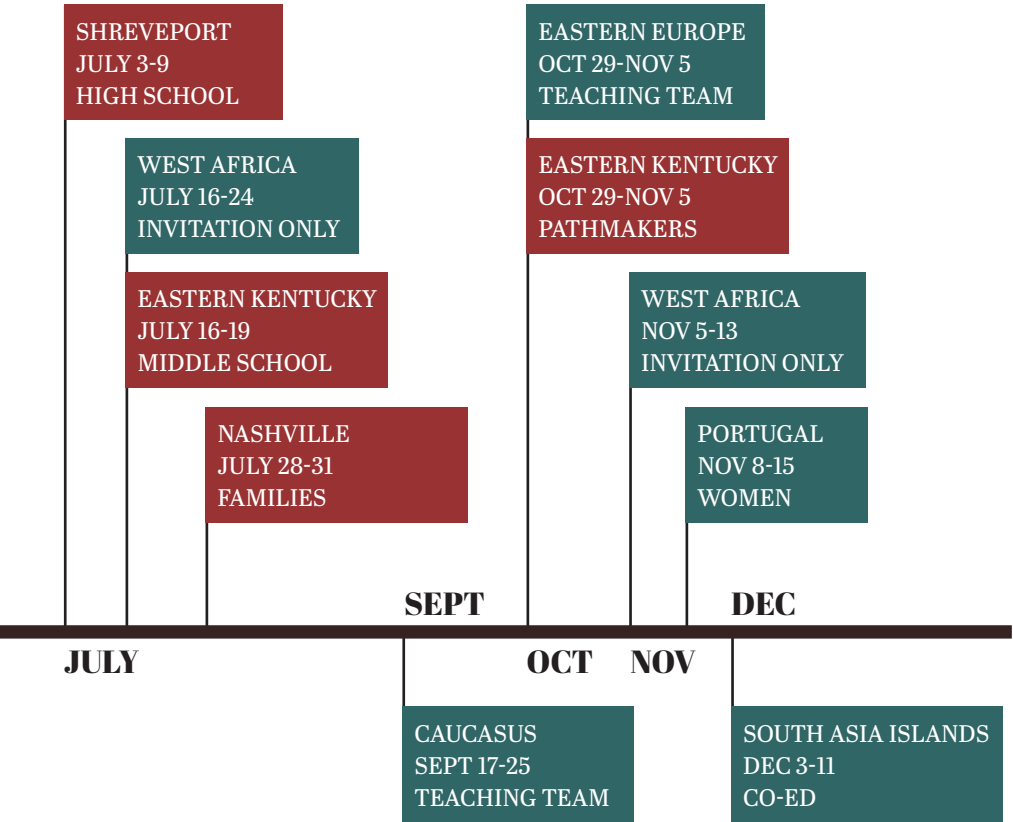
ENGLAND
MARCH 12-20
HOPE CO.

EASTERN EUROPE
MARCH 12-20
HOPE CO.

CLARKSTON, GA
JUNE 26-JULY 2
HIGH SCHOOL

CAUCASUS
JUNE 18-26
CO-ED

Mission dates and details are subject to change.
For the latest information, go to livehopeful.com/sent.





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LOCAL IMPACT MISSIONS

God has graciously sent each of His children to reach all peoples with the Gospel of Jesus Christ from our neighborhoods to the nations. In His wisdom, God has placed each one of us in our households, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and communities as witnesses, sent to testify of the person and work of Jesus. As an orchard of fruit-bearing disciples of Jesus, Living Hope is committed to planting Gospel seed, watering with truth, and trusting God for growth. This is a call to all disciples of Jesus to live on mission everyday within their spheres of influence and beyond. In Bowling Green, we have the unique opportunities to reach the lost as they gather to our community – from college students at WKU to internationals from the ends of the earth. Let's see our community changed by the Gospel work of Christ's Church! We do that through prayer, relationships, serving, and sharing.

Serve in a Ministry of Local Impact Missions at Living Hope.

Afghan Ministry

Living Hope has a team of faithful servants who are sent to proclaim the hope of Jesus to the Afghan community of Bowling Green. The Afghan ministry exist so Afghan's will grow to love, know and obey Jesus. This is accomplished by serving our new refugee neighbors as they assimilate to their new life in America. This ministry is a great opportunity to extend friendship to an Afghan through the gospel. Come join us as we trust Christ to open the hearts of the Afghan people!

Living Hope Hispanic Fellowship

Living Hope has a team of faithful servants who are sent to proclaim the hope of Jesus within the Hispanic community in Bowling Green. The Hispanic Fellowship seeks to bring the Gospel message to the Hispanic community in their heart language and invite individuals into a biblical community of believers.





English Classes

Living Hope has a team of faithful servants who seek to serve the refugee and immigrant community by providing English classes. This team exists to help refugee and immigrant families grow and succeed in Bowling Green. The aim is to build relationships with our neighbors, love them, and introduce them to a new life in Christ.

Help with Adult English Classes – Serve and proclaim the hope of Jesus to the international community of Bowling Green by instructing and assisting students with basic, conversational English. This is an excellent opportunity for families and individuals to build relationships with our neighbor. If you're interested, scan the QR code.

Neighboring

Living Hope believes in the sent identity of every believer, meaning that we are sent with the Gospel to wherever God places us. This includes our homes and neighborhoods. God has placed the people of Living Hope in their neighborhoods to share the hope of Jesus. This is an initiative of Living Hope to commit to share Jesus with our physical neighbors. Contact Jacob Brumley for more information on this.

Day of Hope

Twice a year, Living Hope is going to send out her people to proclaim the hope of Jesus throughout Bowling Green for a Day of Hope. These events are to both serve our community and be intentional about Gospel conversations with individuals whom we serve. Various projects will be compiled throughout our community.

Hope Builders

Living Hope has a team of faithful servants who are sent to proclaim the hope of Jesus by building ramps for those who are in need. This is a fantastic opportunity for Living Hope's to fill the needs of others, while sharing the Gospel with those whom they are serving.

Homeless Ministry

During the colder months of the year, Living Hope plays host to homeless friends in our community by partnering with Room in the Inn. This provides homeless individuals with a safe, warm place to spend the night and gives an opportunity for sent ones of Living Hope to share the hope of the Gospel.



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T.C. Cherry

As part of the initiative to bring the Gospel to all peoples in Bowling Green and beyond, Living Hope is taking on the adoption of T.C. Cherry Elementary School. We are dedicated to caring for students, family, and staff with the love of Jesus and building relationships for Gospel impact. This adoption is a holistic initiative to be a Gospel presence within the school through serving and sharing.

Serve with a Local Impact Missions Strategic Ministry Partner

Hope House is a gospel-based development center in Bowling Green with the mission to alleviate physical and spiritual poverty through Gospel restoration. They provide faith-based education, transportation, workforce development, addiction recovery, and financial empowerment programs. Hope House believes that poverty is more than the physical symptoms we see, but it is rooted in broken relationships with oneself, with others, with creation, and with God. Knowing that we are all spiritually poor without a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, Hope House seeks to walk alongside our neighbors in physical poverty to do with rather than do for them. They provide dignifying opportunities for people to overcome poverty and see God transform every area of their lives. For more information, visit hopehousebg.com.



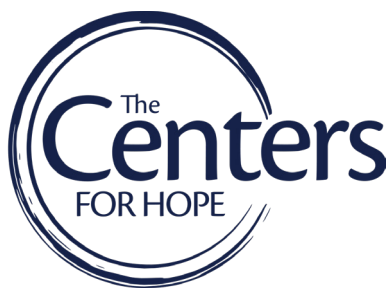
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The Centers For Hope is a nonprofit ministry dedicated to sharing the love of Christ and loving others through meeting physical and spiritual needs in our Center for Pregnancy, Center for Biblical Counseling, and Thrift Store. The Center for Pregnancy provides clients with pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting education, and physical items for their families. Our volunteers love and support our clients during their pregnancy and up until the child is two years old while sharing the gospel and praying over their families. The Center for Biblical Counseling provides individual, group, financial, and grief counseling at no cost to the client. The goal of the counseling center is to meet people where they are and provide them with spiritual tools to navigate the battles of everyday life. The Centers For Hope Thrift Store exists to serve the community by meeting physical needs while sharing the love of Christ. The Thrift Store is stocked with quality donations that are sold to the community at an affordable price. Every sale made will support the operations of The Centers For Hope and enable us to continue this ministry in the community. For more information, visit centersforhope.org.



Curbside Ministries is a non-profit organization and street ministry that connects disciples of Jesus to our community. Their desire is to encourage and equip others to break barriers and focus their lives on others. Curbside meets people right where they are to share the love and hope of Jesus.

Their goal is to share the Gospel of Jesus with kids in Bowling Green. Curbside does this by going into the community to bring a message, supply a meal, and play with underprivileged kids. For more information, visit curbsideministries.com.





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YOUR LOCAL SENT ONES



Leah Walker

Fast Facts

Sent: 2020

Cats: Socks and Gus

Ministry: WKU CSF

Hobbies: Reading books, writing stories, ultimate frisbee, rock climbing, hanging out with her fun roommates!

WKU CSF

Leah serves at CSF at WKU, which is where she spent most of her college years. Her roles include discipleship, scheduling, social media & communications, and the teaching team. Leah helps the rest of the staff put on fun events and host weekly worship, but mostly, she meets with and loves on students in one-on-one meetings over coffee or a meal and remind them that Jesus is at work in their lives so long as they take the time to see Him.

Prayer Prompts

- Please pray that Christian Student Fellowship would continue to be a home away from home for students at WKU.
- Pray that the staff would have an outward focus and a servant heart in all things.
- Pray that our students would be discipled to love the Lord and be more like Him!



YOUR LOCAL SENT ONES



Fast Facts

Sent: 1987

Children: Sarah, Hannah, James

Ministry: Faculty Commons (Cru)

Countries They Have

Ministered In: The Philippines,
Poland, Belarus, Slovakia, and
Japan

Motto: "If you can change the
campus today, you can
change the world tomorrow."

Faculty Commons

Thomas and Laurie have been on staff with Cru/Campus Crusade for Christ for 42 years. They served as the director of the undergraduate ministry at WKU from 1985-2016. Since 2016, they have served with Faculty Commons, the faculty ministry of Cru. Thomas provides coaching leadership to the staff and faculty ministries throughout the state of Kentucky and Japan.

Prayer Prompts

- Pray for the Lord's wisdom as we seek to develop faculty ministries and coach Christian professors at WKU, UL, ECU, and Murray State to impact their universities and students with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Please pray for the ongoing ministry with professors and students in Tokyo and Osaka Japan.



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Austin Garrison

Fast Facts

Sent: 2024

Spouse: Jayla

Ministry: Young Life Bowling Green

Hobbies: Basketball, disc golf, lifting, fantasy football

Life Verse: “But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” Acts 20:24

Prayer Prompts

- Continued providence in personal, family, and ministerial life
- Open hands for God to lead us to where he wants us in the community
- A larger capacity to carry the weight of many kid’s, parent’s, and peer’s burdens.

Young Life BG

Austin is on staff with Young Life in Bowling Green. He serves at South Warren High and Middle School, meeting and telling kids about the good news of Jesus by showing up to where the kids are. The cafeteria, the front doors, sports games, wherever kids are, you’ll find him! His hope is to generate friendships with kids to share with them that Jesus loves them, died for them, and resurrected!



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Fast Facts

Sent: 2021

Family: Wife, Ashley; Sons, Anell and Chase

Ministry: Southern Kentucky FCA

Life Verse: "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

SKY FCA

Scott is the area director for Southern Kentucky Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He oversees the FCA chapters at 36 school campuses across our region. His vision and mission is to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes, by leading them into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church.

Prayer Prompts

- Pray for the Lord to continue providing volunteers and character coaches at each of our schools and teams that will invest in the athletes and coaches with the Gospel.
- Pray for the Lord to continue to provide access to schools and teams in our area. Also, that God would open new access and connections to teams.

Why Missions?



Romans 5:1-5

The Apostle Peter wrote these words to the church, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

As members of this "royal priesthood," it is our responsibility to speak of Christ's greatness with both our words and the way we live our lives. By doing so we help others to draw near to God.

In addition to helping others draw near, we are also to help them grow in their walk with God. This is called making disciples. Jesus tells us that we are to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Living Hope Baptist Church has been given the tremendous opportunity to be a part of Christ's great commission. We have the privilege of partnerships around the world where our members can engage the nations and be both witnesses and participants in the expansion of God's Kingdom!

In order for people to become disciples, they must hear the message of the Gospel first. The Apostle Paul writes, "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news'" (Romans 10:14,15). This is the essence of Christian Missions; to see that the Gospel is preached and disciples are made among the nations.

In this Scripture passage, we see that Christ's disciples are to be either senders or goers. We give of our time and talents to engage in God's mission, and/or we give of our prayers and resources in order to send others to engage. Either way, we are participants in God's mission. Please prayerfully consider each of the opportunities in this booklet and ask the question, "Am I to be a sender or am I to be sent (or maybe both!)"

The purpose of the Global Impact Ministry at Living Hope is to provide resources and opportunities for our people to live out our mission to be an orchard of fruit-bearing disciples abiding in Jesus.

Clay Mullins

Lead Pastor for Impact Missions & Administration