

HEART for the KINGDOM

TGBC Missions Newsletter



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In **Revelation 7:9**, John describes a multitude from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. You are among these multitudes of worshipers! Are you a part of painting the rest of the picture?

There is no time to waste. Every day, **155,473** enter eternity with no hope. Every week, **1,088,311** die lost. There are **7,283** unreached people groups and **4.5 billion** unreached people. And we are still here. Still able to go to them. Still able to share with them the most important news in all the world, the most important message they will ever hear. We can still offer help and hope. **That is why we exist.**

If God is calling you to go, then go. If not, God is calling you to send. So, send. How do you send? You send by praying for those who are going. You send by giving so those called to go can go.

The **Week of Prayer for International Missions is Nov. 28 – Dec. 5**. Prayer guides are available in the foyer and online at <https://www.imb.org/pray/week-of-prayer/>.

**IMB's goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$185 million.
TGBC's church goal is \$50,000.**

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Revelation 7:9-10 (ESV)





"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

The Pregnancy Care Center's Annual Fundraising Banquet exceeded their overall fundraising goal with a total of \$130,250 in one-time gifts, monthly pledges over 12 months, and event underwriter contributions for the life saving and life changing ministry of PCC. This will be a great start toward establishing a much-needed PCC in Lebanon.

PCC open houses are held quarterly and are a great opportunity to see the ministry in action up close, meet and dialogue with staff, and are a required first step for those interested in hands on volunteer opportunities. Contact Lisa Cathcart, PCC Executive Director, at (615) 773-4673 for more information.



Week of Prayer for International Missions:

Nov. 28 – Dec. 5

Pray for your IMB missionaries who have answered the call to go and are serving around the world. In-depth stories are available at imb.org/weekofprayer.

DAY 1: Churches connect with missionary task

**Tim & Tina Louderback/Central America
Sean and Shelley Blacksten/Caribbean**

- **Pray** for inroads for Indigenous believers who are reaching the lost.
- **Pray** churches who participated in Americas Connect will continue to pursue opportunities to serve.
- **Pray** the Lord will facilitate more church connections.

DAY 2: Missionaries welcome efforts to push back darkness

Northern African and Middle Eastern people

- **Pray** that God will call out more churches to join the work to reach NAME peoples with the gospel.
- **Pray** for more long-term missionaries in the fields among the unreached.
- **Pray** that the light of Christ would break the barriers that keep many from hearing the gospel.

DAY 3: Couple equips Hispanics and Latinos in South Asia

- **Pray** for Hispanics and Latinos as they serve in South Asia hard-to-reach regions/
- **Pray** for the Meyers and other IMB missionaries as they serve in areas in great need of the gospel.
- **Pray** for more Hispanics and Latinos to answer the call to serve.

DAY 4: West Africans take lead in sharing Bible stories

- **Pray** for the African orality trainers as they continue to organize and teach others how to effectively use Bible storying to share and teach God's Word.
- **Pray** that the graduates of IBBT will put into practice the orality skills they have acquired when they return to their towns and villages.
- **Pray** for the unreached people groups of Sub-Saharan Africa, asking God to confirm in their hearts the truth of the stories they hear.

DAY 5: Turkmen search for security, hope IMB Missionaries in Turkmenistan

- **Pray** that the desperation the Turkmen feel would make their hearts soft toward the good news of Jesus.
- **Pray** that God will heal the deep wounds in believing families and use them to build His church.
- **Pray** that God will turn the hearts of Turkmenistan's leaders toward the needs of the people and that they will rule with wisdom, justice and mercy.

DAY 6: Prayer and miracles transform IMB missionaries in Southeast Asia

- **Pray** with Momma that the Lord will continue to move in people's hearts.
- **Pray** for the Spencers and for other IMB missionaries in Southeast Asia who are ministering in places of civil unrest.
- **Pray** for courage for the new believers.

DAY 7: Taiwanese believers commit to global spread of gospel

- **Pray** for HIM to continue to prosper and send out more Taiwanese missionaries with each passing year.
- **Pray** for Taiwanese missionaries who have already been sent out; pray God would bless their ministry.
- **Pray** for IMB missionaries and Taiwanese Baptist partnerships to continue to grow for the sake of the gospel

DAY 8: Churches grow and multiply in Czechia

Larry and Melissa Lewis in Czechia

- **Pray** for the Lewises and Daniel as they lead Mozaika and for the leaders of other new churches beginning in surrounding cities.
- **Pray** for the Bible training center for pastors and for the ten men who are training for future ministry.
- **Pray** for two new IMB families coming to join the work in Czechia this year.

Nashville Hope Pack

The Nashville Baptist Association Woman's Missionary Union invites you to help us spread a little Christmas Hope across Nashville, TN for inner-city, low-income areas in partnership with New Season Baptist Church since the NBA Toy Store is canceled this year due to COVID-19.

NBA Goal: 500 Packs

Let's go beyond this! The Toy Store generally serves around 700-1000 children.

For ages 4-12 each **new** Pillowcase will contain the following age-appropriate **new** items:

- A pair of socks
- A small stocking stuffer
- A book
- A Children's Bible or New Testament
- The plan of salvation (This will be provided by the NBA WMU.)



To indicate the gender and age for your Pack, please use the following guide with ribbons or download and attach our "gift tag" from <http://www.nashvillebaptists.com/wmu>.

Gender:

Blue = Boy
Pink = Girl

Age:

Yellow = Ages 4-6
Green = Ages 7-9
Red = Ages 10-12

Volunteers will be needed to help gather, sort, and distribute items and packs.

Collection of items will take place at Hope Church December 6-11, 2021.

Monetary donations can be made through the Give button at nashvillebaptists.com.

Please call 615-579-4374 to volunteer, arrange delivery, or for more information.

Gift Suggestions: NEW items. No used items please.

TOYS (1 small item):

Small bundle of cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, Frisbee, card games (Old Maid, Go Fish, learning card games, etc.)

STOCKING STUFFER IDEAS:

HYGIENE ITEMS - toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (boxed and in a plastic bag), hairbrush, comb, ponytail holders, barrettes, hair clips, washcloth, etc.

OTHER: sunglasses, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

BIBLES OR NEW TESTAMENTS:

Easy-to-read versions (NirV, ICB, Illustrated Bibles, etc.)

*TGBC's WMU will provide the pillowcases for the packs. TGBC students will pack them. Please bring items to go in the pillowcases to the baskets at the Children's Entrance or Office Entrance **November 21-December 5.***

Rest Stop ministries



Lani Bruce led a cooking class for WoM Sisters to teach life skills to Rest Stop Ministries residents in October. Everyone enjoyed making flatbread pizzas with fresh herbs and ingredients!.



2021 Missions Offerings

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions
Church Offering: \$15,576.10

Mother's Day Offering for TN Baptist Children's Homes
Church Offering: \$10,089.80

Father's Day Offering for TN Baptist Adult Homes
Church Offering: \$7,095

Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions
Church Offering: \$6,940

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions
IMB Offering Goal: \$185 million
Our Church Goal: \$50,000

MISSIONS PROJECTS

LOCAL/ONGOING

Begin Anew
Renee Mathis

Dodson Elementary
Nancy Andrews & Eric Boswell

In His Grip
Joey Hickman

Let's Learn English Together (ESL)
Carmen McCreary

Pregnancy Care Center
Desha Hearn

For more information about TGBC's missions projects, contact our church office.

IMB Missionaries: Jason and Jennifer Vanover

Since 2013, **Jennifer and Jason Vanover** have served as church planters with the International Mission Board in Spain. Their calling is to see the gospel shared among the lost and for those new believers to join together in healthy families of faith that then go on to share how good God is with others. They also partner directly with local believers with the singular goal of seeing Spain reached for Christ. While the percentage of evangelical believers in Spain is very low, God is doing great things and He is all powerful to complete His perfect will in Spain.

Jason and Jennifer will speak briefly at TGBC **Sunday morning, Dec. 19, for our International Missions Emphasis.** They will also speak in more detail about their missions work at the **Feb. 14 WoM Daughters of the King meeting.**

- **Pray** that the Holy Spirit would give clarity in the task of reaching the lost. That through that Spirit-filled power that many would come to know, to love and to follow Christ.
- **Pray** for the IMB team, local partners, and the local churches. That love and unity would draw others to want to know and commit to Christ.
- **Pray** that the church plant would be bold in sharing Christ, united in mission, and overflowing with love.

99% of Europeans don't have a relationship with Jesus. Yet we labor in joyful anticipation that the Holy Spirit will stir the hearts of Europeans once again.

Operation Christmas Child

By Janet Konig

Operation Christmas Child boxes were available at Tulip Grove starting October 24 in the Welcome Center. There are many little ones eagerly awaiting these gifts of love. The deadline to return boxes was Sunday, Nov. 14. Boxes can be taken to Hermitage Hills Baptist Church between November 15-22.

This year we had a special gift to get you started. Our Craft Ministry, led by Charlotte Maynard, made jump ropes to add to boxes. They are truly special and made with love.



Jason & Jennifer Vanover



Operation Christmas Child



Our Intro level ESL students tried white chili, cornbread, and a peach cobbler for dessert. It was a great time to hang out and eat!



TGBC will not be having Room in the Inn during the 2021-22 season.

Let's Learn English Together

By Carmen McCreary

We are so excited that this semester has finished! This is the first time that most of our classes with the exception of our Level Intro class have ended. Attendance usually falls drastically, but we have some students who have been very dedicated, especially our online Level Intro and Level 3 classes. We are continuing two-hour classes in January with some online classes that will end in April.

We still have lots of online opportunities on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings as well as Sunday afternoons to teach. You only need to speak English and teach from the comfort of your home. We need passionate people like you to keep this outreach going. We are uncertain if we can continue fall of 2022 with two volunteers. Currently, if we discontinue online classes, we will have to turn away half of our students and transfer them to neighboring ESL programs like Hermitage Hills and Begin Anew who have great programs too. Online classes have been an option due to the lack of volunteers on Wednesday nights.

Nashville will continue to grow with immigrants coming from Central America and Afghanistan. As newcomers, our non-English speaking neighbors are not only excited, but want to learn how to communicate and share their thoughts in our country more than ever.

If you are interested in shadowing or co-teaching with Carmen, she would love to have you teach everyday English. Materials are provided, no-prep is needed for classes because the books guide you through the lessons. **Contact Carmen at carmen@esltulipgrove.org.**

Craft Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

Our Craft Ministry wants to thank every one so much for all the t-shirt donations. We were able to make **over 120 jump ropes for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** that will be going out this year.

We continue to work on **hats, lap blankets, scarves, drain bags, and heart shaped pillows** for all the ministries that need us. If you know of a ministry that would appreciate and use these items, please let us know. We have lots stored from all the hard work the ladies have done the past few months. These items will start going out next month since it is turning colder.

We welcome Connie Howard, Brittany Green, Brittany Goolsby, Vicki Van Thounout, Cecilia Meador ("CC"), Trish Gilbert and Janice LaRoy to our Craft Ministry group. Janice has become our much needed "tagger." Each item that goes out is "tagged" with a gospel tract and a note that says: "Made with love and prayers by the ladies at Tulip Grove Baptist Church." Renee Mathis has been diligent in getting both Brittany's from the Brooks House involved in our craft making, and they truly enjoy interacting with all our craft ladies.

We are blessed to have so many wonderful ladies that enjoy "crafting" with all their many and varied talents. Many people have been blessed with all the items these hard working ladies have made. Praise the Lord!

A special thanks to Gwen Pearson who is our contact for the **Sarah Cannon Cancer Center**. She always takes drain bags, pillows, and lap blankets and drops them off for us.

Several of you have found and donated yarn - A BIG THANK YOU! Our yarn cubbies are full! Praise the Lord for always finding us GREAT deals!

Ten **weighted blankets** were made for Tulip Groves Mother's Day Out program, and five more have been requested. The children just love using these during rest time. We appreciate so much Carole Flood finding a special deal on glass beads to fill these blankets.

We would love for you to come join us each 3rd Monday in Room 223 and come and go as needed 10am-2pm. We will NOT meet in December but kick off the new year January 17. Be sure to watch the bulletin for the announcement.

Homebound Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

We want to welcome Denise Bowman to our Homebound Ministry Team and thank her for joining us. We are truly blessed to have 17 dedicated members on our Homebound Team. Although we only meet once a quarter when members are in town and available, **they are very diligent to send cards to Homebound members and also call and visit when possible.** Praise the Lord for these dedicated team members! The Homebound truly appreciate all of them and look forward to hearing from each one. You wouldn't believe how just a phone call can brighten up someone's day when they are all alone.

Want to become involved? **Contact Charlotte** at charlotte63050@gmail.com. A list of homebound members, cards and stamps are provided. We would love to have you join us.

WorldCrafts Begin Anew Benefit

By Renee Mathis

TGBC will have a **WorldCrafts Benefit for Begin Anew** at the Women's Mini Retreat Saturday, Dec. 4, 9am-3pm in the Youth Basement. Through this benefit you can help Begin Anew participants find new life and help WorldCrafts provide life-sustaining work for global artisans. Several items will be available at the Mini Retreat and in the foyer through Dec. 12. WorldCrafts items can be ordered online through Dec. 31 using code TGBC21 at check out. Twenty percent goes directly to Begin Anew Middle TN. Visit WorldCrafts.org/TGBC21.



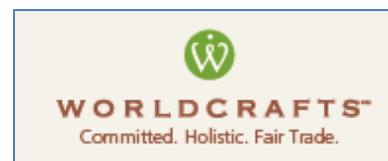
T-shirt braided jump ropes



Janice tagging items



Cancer patients drain bags & hats



Meals for New Moms

WoM Sisters have been busy delivering meals to our new moms this fall!



Hannah and Matthew Mathis with Flora born Aug. 21



Ethan and Amy Messimore with Erin born Sep. 8



Andrea and Layton Morrison with Ladan born Sep. 19



Mary Spencer Veasey, The Next Door



Lisa Cathcart, Pregnancy Care Center



Kristen Thorbjorsen, HALO Missions



Alli Ford, Brooks House

Women on Mission Sisters

By Renee Mathis

WoM Sisters have had great meetings this fall supporting and learning about local missions opportunities such as **Pregancancy Care Center** in Old Hickory in September and **Brooks House** TN Baptist Adult Home in Hermitage in October. Both our WoM Sisters and WoM Daughters of the King are having fun with our monthly missions projects at Brooks House through April!

Our November meeting featured **Halo Missions (Helping And Leading Others)**, a vocational rehabilitation service in Nashville where women in different stages of addiction recovery are taught how to handcraft guitar-string jewelry for therapy and supplemental income. Kristen Thorbjorsen, founder of Halo Missions, was our speaker. She is the stepdaughter of TGBC's Carl and Charlotte Maynard and attended TGBC as a child. We made guitar-string bracelets during the meeting to see the work of their ministry first hand.

For our December 7 meeting, we have guest speaker Caitlin Strecker, Community Engagement Manager at **Rest Stop Ministries**. RSM is a faith-based organization dedicated to comprehensively restoring female survivors of domestic sex trafficking.

In January, our focus will be on our local **First Responders**. We plan to have a speaker from the Hermitage Police Precinct and provided a goodie basket for our First Responders.

The guest speaker for our February 1 meeting will be Heather Norvell, Executive Director at **Begin Anew** of Middle TN. Begin Anew was formerly Christian Women's Job Corps. TGBC has supported CWJC since their inception in 1997. Begin Anew still empowers individuals to overcome obstacles caused by poverty by providing faith-based education, mentoring, and resources as they did as CWJC. They changed their name in 2016 to Begin Anew to reflect their ministry to both men and women.

Women on Mission is for all women 18 and up. Join us the first Tuesday night each month 6:30-8pm as WoM Sisters create multigenerational bonds where doing life together for His kingdom is our desire as we live out His mission! Note that all of our WoM Sisters meetings through April are now in the Youth Basement.

Women on Mission Daughters of the King

By Charlotte Maynard

Mary Spencer Veasey was thrilled with ALL the great items our WoM ladies brought for **The Next Door** at our September meeting. It was such a blessing to see the smile on her face. She was impressed with your generosity and your wonderful cooking as well. She informed us about The Next Door and all the great things God is doing through them.

We welcome Candy Lee, Meg Peto, and Sue Brusseau to WoM. So glad to see their smiling faces in our group.

October's meeting featured our **Brooks House** friends and house parents so we could learn more about this TN Baptist Adult Home in Hermitage that has become very active at TGBC. Alli Ford spoke and did a great job. We congratulate her and Matt on their newest addition - another precious little boy. The Brooks House ladies were VERY excited to receive items from their Amazon Wish Lists. Thanks Daughters of the King for always making our guests feel welcome and truly appreciated.

On November 7 Daryl Mackin, Founder and Executive Director of **A Soldier's Child**, was our speaker. He showed a video and shared so much about this great ministry.

Please make plans to attend our monthly meetings in Room 100 at 10 a.m. the second Monday each month!

Mission Friends

By Linda Sharp

Mission Friends is so excited to have two classes again - one class for 3-year-olds and another class for our 4 & 5-year-olds. Our numbers have been somewhat low, and we have mailed invitations to parents of preschoolers inviting them to attend on Wednesday nights. We are having SO MUCH FUN! We hope that more will join us!

In September we learned about **J.D. Fasolino** who serves as a church planter in **Toronto Canada**. Mr. Fasolino enjoys talking to people at coffee shops to help them learn more about Jesus. We had a pretend coffee shop and tasted flatbread which is a favorite of our missionary. We also smelled some fresh coffee beans. Our 3-year-olds practiced building a church with blocks and played board games like Mr. Fasolino does when he teaches children about Jesus.

In October our missionaries were **David and Julie Yngsdal** who serve in **South Africa**. They work with refugees in Durban who have had to leave their own country. Our Mission Friends learned about animals from this area. We tasted a rendition of "Bunny Chow" which is a type of soup served in a bread bowl in South Africa, and we had donut holes one night since they are a favorite treat in this area as well. The Yngsdals help refugee families by helping them get food. Our 3-year-olds practiced carrying baskets on heads pretending to shop for food in South Africa. They also played "Beauty Shop" since Mr. and Mrs. Yngsdal teach hairstylists about Jesus and the Bible. Our 4 & 5-year-olds practiced their sewing skills with paper plates and large plastic needles because the Yngsdals tell people about the Bible before a weekly sewing class as well.

In November our missions area is **Hawaii**, and we are learning about the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention. We enjoyed tasting fresh pineapple while learning about the many ways this organization serves in that area with church planting, outreach, disaster relief, women's ministry and more. Kay Whalan prepared Chocolate Haupia Pie, a Hawaiian favorite, for our children. We will only meet three weeks in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

In December we will take a break from our usual Mission Friends curriculum to work on a missions project, learn about **Lottie Moon** and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our missions project is **making placemats for Jubilee Hills**, an Assisted Living and Memory Care facility, for the months of January and February. Our placemats will share scripture with the residents there and be decorated for the season with snowmen and snowflakes for January and hearts for February.

In January we will learn about missionaries **Anders and Jessica Snyder** who serve in **Idaho**. They are church planters who serve as pastor and children's ministry leader at Calvary Church in Nampa. They host events like car shows, Thanksgiving and Easter meals, soccer camps and Vacation Bible School.

In February our missionaries serve in **the Balkans. Kyle and Jackie Kirkpatrick** share their love for Jesus by teaching people how to speak and read English. They also build playground equipment for children to enjoy.

Girls in Action and Royal Ambassadors (GA and RA)

GAs and RAs have been very busy digging into new curriculum. The curriculum gives us more project suggestions and tons of learning experiences.

The girls made **"Thank You Jars"** for our church staff to let them know how much they are appreciated. They filled them with peanuts and candy corn and tied sweet handwritten notes to each staff member.

We studied about the **Fasolinos, church planters in Toronto, Canada**. GAs skied in the hallway to get a feel of some of the fun things they do in Toronto. We made **"Tell the World Cupcakes."** They resembled a world, and we thanked God for our beautiful world and how we can share His love!

We studied about **David and Julie Yngsdal** who are ministering to refugees in **Durban, South Africa**. GAs sewed hearts to get a feel for how women have to make their clothes because they do not have money to purchase things like we do.

RAs tie-dyed t-shirts to wear as a reminder of our theme to **"Be Bold."** The boys are challenged to be bold and tell others about Jesus wherever they go.

We have many things to look forward to during the winter months and thank God for a church that is missions-minded and teaches our children to share Jesus.



Mission Friends learned about missions in Hawaii and South Africa



GAs and RAs had a great time at JAM (Journey into Adventures in Missions)!



GAs have fun with missions!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>Dec</i>		
1-31	WorldCrafts Benefit for Begin Anew	Online at WorldCrafts.org/TGBC21
11/28 – 12/5	Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions	
4	Women's Mini Retreat and WorldCrafts Benefit for Begin Anew	9am-3pm, Youth Basement
4	GA and RA Mission Study	9am-noon, CLC
7	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8pm, Youth Basement
13	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10am, Room 100
19	IMB Missionary Speakers John and Jennifer Vanover from Spain	9:15am, Sanctuary
<i>Jan</i>		
4	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8pm, Youth Basement
10	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10am, Room 100
17	Craft Ministry	10am–2pm, Room 223
<i>Feb</i>		
1	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8pm, Youth Basement
14	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10am, Room 100
20	Focus on WMU Sunday	
21	Craft Ministry	10am–2pm, Room 223