

# STORIES OF IMPACT

*A look back at how DBC made disciples and made a difference here and around the world*



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## Introduction

Someone once said that the “church does not have a mission, but rather the mission has a church.” God’s purposes in this world have a community through which they are done.

Have you ever thought of missions this way? Maybe for you, missions feels like special events, tasks, things to do. Maybe missions is a list of causes and organizations supported by the church. Maybe missions are just the good things churches do in the community and around the world.

But if we look at missions from a Biblical perspective, we realize missions is God’s idea, not our own. It might look like a list of events, causes and organizations. But in reality, our efforts should first reflect God’s heart for people and this world. It is His work we do, not our own. His purposes take top priority over our preferences.

God has a mission to redeem and restore this world. The new community called the church is the result of that mission and is invited to join God in the work. In other words, DBC did not start because someone had a good idea. It started as a result of God’s work in this community. We are a part of God’s plan.

The following pages are a look back over the last year at how DBC joined in the mission of God. Let these stories inform and inspire you. Pray about where you are called to make disciples and make a difference as part of God’s mission.

## JEFF REAMS

*Missions Pastor*



## The Goal of Missions

**The goal of missions is people from every nation, people group and language knowing and worshipping God together, doing what He has gifted them to do.**

*After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:*

*“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”*

From Genesis to Revelation, a common story weaves throughout the Bible—God’s heart for all peoples. God’s global purpose for His people in the Old Testament and His people today is to spread His glory among all the nations. It is this mission that has birthed churches in every country.

This is why we don’t just focus our efforts on Dunwoody, Atlanta or even the USA. God is a global God. He loves all people in all nations. So we extend ourselves and our efforts to wherever God calls, whether across the street or around the globe.

## DBC Missions Council

- Beth Southers - Chairperson
- Cathy Hubbard
- Matt Huyser
- Josh McEntire
- Suzanne Baisier
- Judy Wells
- Greg Hackney
- Thomala Wright
- Kerry Cline

If you have a question about missions, email [\*\*missions@dbc.org\*\*](mailto:missions@dbc.org).

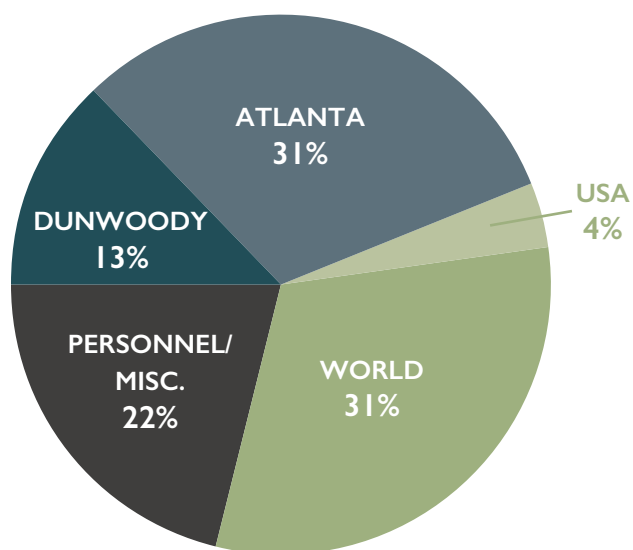
For a full list of the ministries that DBC Missions supports, go to [\*\*dbc.org/missions\*\*](http://dbc.org/missions).

*“...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

# GIVING

## GIVING BY ACTS 1:8

Dunwoody	13%
Atlanta	31%
USA	4%
World	31%

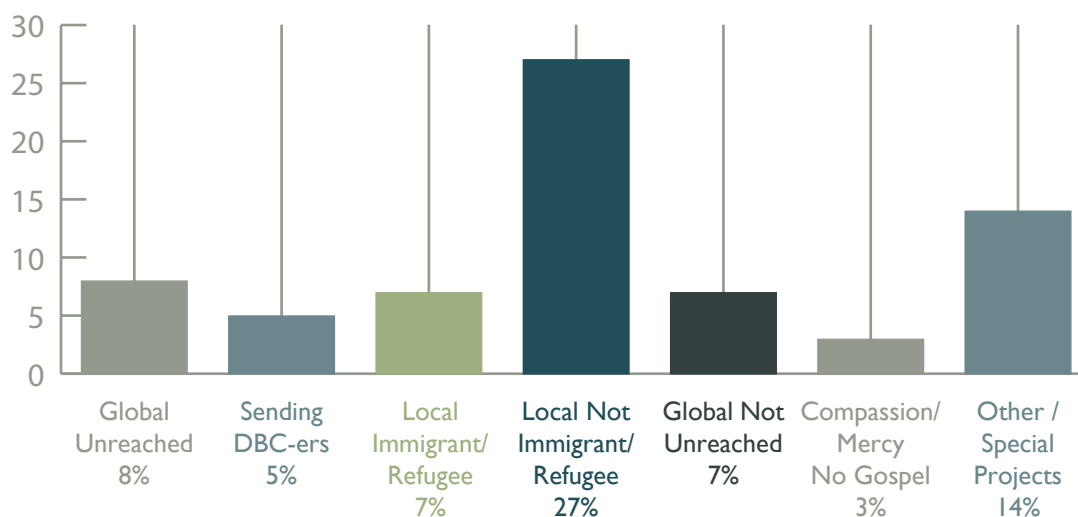


**17%**  
**FUNDED  
BY TITHES  
TO DBC**

**TOTAL FUNDS  
GIVEN TO MISSIONS  
THROUGH TITHES &  
DBC FOUNDATION  
AS OF 9/2/21**

**\$718,738**

## GIVING BY PRIORITY



## DBC MISSIONS USES 3 CATEGORIES TO DESCRIBE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE SUPPORTED IN THE BUDGET:

### BLESS

- One time, renewable annually, support in smaller amounts to individuals or organizations not within the focus of DBC Missions, but valued by DBC members and/or having fruitful ministry (up to \$3,600 annually).

### CATALYZE

- 3-5 year support commitment made to individuals or organizations looking to start or expand their work and in closer alignment with the purpose of DBC Missions. This support is initiated with the mutually understood goal that the ministry becomes sustainable and no longer reliant on funds from DBC (up to \$12,000 annually).

### OWN

- 5-year to ongoing commitment made to individuals or organizations that are focused on reaching the unreached and/or mobilizing DBC as part of our sending pipeline (up to \$20,000 annually).

## DBC Foundation Funds Missions Since 1975

*LONICE BARRETT*

The Dunwoody Baptist Church Foundation and the DBC Missions Council have enjoyed a very good relationship over the years. Since 1975 when the Foundation was officially granted its 501(c)(3) status, the Foundation has provided more than \$7 million to our church's missions programs.

The Foundation is committed to providing financial support where God's work would not get accomplished without important "seed money" or in areas where the people are financially unable to help themselves.

The DBC Foundation appreciates the good work of the Missions Council and looks forward to being a part of our church's efforts to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world—from here in Dunwoody to Doraville, Clarkston, Atlanta, Texas, New York, Florida and across the waters to distant places like Myanmar (Burma), Turkey and India.

Godspeed to the DBC Missions Council in all of your efforts to expand God's kingdom around the world.

Learn more about the DBC Foundation at [dbc.org/foundation](http://dbc.org/foundation).



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# GOING IN DUNWOODY

## HOW MANY PEOPLE CONNECTED IN SOME WAY TO DBC MISSION PARTNERS THIS PAST YEAR?

ONE-TIME SERVICE  
PROJECT OR EVENT

434

ONGOING/REGULAR  
SERVICE WITH A PARTNER

63

CURRENT LONG-TERM  
MISSIONARIES FROM DBC

10

The Burt Family  
Central Asia  
Refugee Ministry

Jacob Delk  
Birmingham  
College Ministry

Lindsay Hicks  
Boston  
College Ministry

Cara McClain  
Preparing to go to Spain  
College Ministry

Hannah Diamond  
Birmingham  
College Ministry

David & Emily Langley  
Preparing to go to Japan  
Leadership Development

## BEING THERE FOR STUDENTS IN DUNWOODY

Dunwoody Student Ministries was founded by DBC member and Dunwoody High School teacher, Steve Fortenberry. DSM serves students at Dunwoody High and Peachtree Charter Middle School through gatherings, small groups and special events.

They also continue relationships with students into college, sending care packages and encouragement. While schools were online, Steve taught from a room on the DBC campus and kept in touch with DSM leaders.

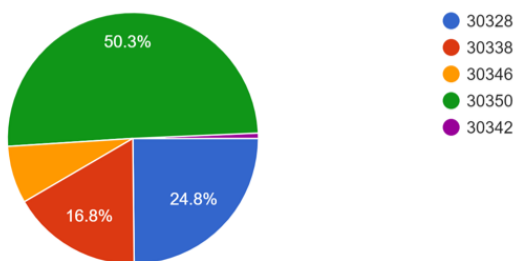
Now that school has reopened, Steve is seeing strong interest among students to regather in groups and clubs they missed over the past 18 months. Reconnecting might be a motivation, but the Chick-fil-A biscuits at every gathering don't hurt either.

## Helping our Neighbors with Rent & Utility Assistance

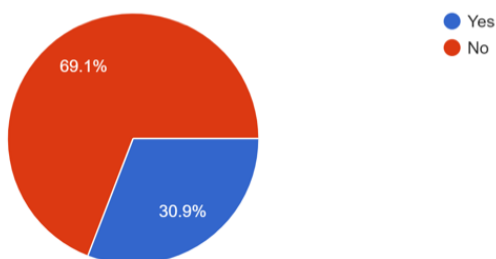
DBC has helped neighbors in need of rent and utility assistance for decades. The Covid-19 pandemic forced our processes online and now, a dedicated team of three volunteers responds to requests for help, conducts interviews, and assesses and approves applications. Here are some stats on this important ministry.

**80** people helped between October 1, 2020 and September 2, 2021

Those who have applied come from the following zip codes:



Nearly **70%** of applicants are not connected to a church!



Applicants simply go to [dbc.org/help](http://dbc.org/help) to apply and find resources in their community.

If you'd like to learn more and serve, we need your help to interview and / or follow up with clients. Just email [benevolence@dbc.org](mailto:benevolence@dbc.org) and a volunteer will reach out to you.

Benevolence is funded through the DBC Missions budget and donations from the congregation.

Donations (other than Missions budget) given to help pay rent/utilities through DBC: **\$34,908**



### ESOL

- Students from 7 Countries
- 2 Participating Virtually from Japan & Dominican Republic
- Thursdays, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, September - April

The ESOL School at Dunwoody Baptist Church started in 1985 with a vision to provide English classes to immigrants new to Dunwoody and living in our community. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, ESOL quickly pivoted and continued to teach English and share the Gospel with our students in a virtual Zoom environment. We are thankful and blessed for the technology that allowed us to meet weekly with over 40 students and teachers during this unforgettable year, including students now residing in Japan and the Dominican Republic. ESOL provides an opportunity for friendships to form and for DBC to be a reflection to our students of the friendship Jesus extends to us.

This past year Linda Vaughn retired after 8 years as ESOL director and many more as a teacher, friend and mentor.



## Atlanta Telugu Christian Samavesan Moves to DBC

The ATCS has been around since 1995 and is made up of families from around Atlanta that call India home, but speak Telugu as their first language. ATCS meets the 3rd Saturday of each month on the DBC campus. This community was also instrumental in organizing the India Independence Day Celebration held at DBC on August 14, 2021. We look forward to many more opportunities to worship and serve together in the future.



## Iglesia Nueva Vida Merges with DBC

INV has met on our campus for 10 years and is led by Pastor Marcos Tello who is also a part of DBC Facilities team. On May 16, 2021, our relationship rose to another level as we merged our children and student ministries at 9:45 am on Sundays. INV also began meeting at 11 am in the DBC Chapel. If you have friends who prefer to study the Bible and/or worship in Spanish, INV is a great option for them here every Sunday.



## Community Hospitality Team Hosts *Race & the Gospel* Summer Series

Learn more about the  
Community Hospitality Team  
at [dbc.org/missions](https://dbc.org/missions).

Following the turmoil of 2020, our Community Hospitality team organized a series of discussions around the book of Ephesians titled *Race and the Gospel*. Todd and Miriam Buechter are part of the CHT and had this to say about the impact of the series...

“About 100 people participated in *Race and the Gospel* this past summer. This study focused on scripture and what scripture has to say about our vertical reconciliation with God through the Cross, our reconciliation with others and unity across all ethnic





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### INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

**40+** volunteers

**400+** participants

On August 14, 2021, DBC hosted Dunwoody's first ever India Independence Day Celebration in our Sports Center. India marks its independence from Britain on August 15.

The celebration included a speech from the General Consul of India here in Atlanta, Dr. Swati Kulkarni. There were games, prizes and delicious Indian food. Over 400 people from the community came and participated in this event for the Indian community, planned by the Indian community.

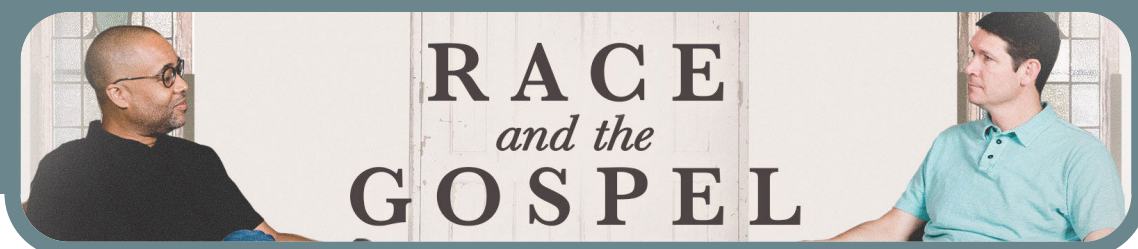
Over 40 volunteers from inside DBC and outside the church came together to make this event a success. Here's what John Karne, DBC member and volunteer for the event had to say...

"What a great celebration! I am so glad and thankful to the DBC church for opening a space to do this event. This event gave us new hope and new relationships with the other Indian community in Dunwoody. Besides, I heard back many wonderful testimonies in our community. Indian Independence Day is a national festival for us, and also it can be said as the symbol of pride. I would like to see these events a lot in DBC. And I believe we can reach many unreached people by sharing the LOVE of GOD through these events. Glory to GOD."

The event created a lot of goodwill and new connections in the local Indian community. We look forward to hosting another Independence Day Celebration as well as other events in 2022.

backgrounds. The study was impactful and several life groups are forming in the fall using this material. Others from the class expressed interest in participating in other studies about this topic, guided by scripture."

The group was a cross section of DBC, all ages and stages represented. The purpose was to take us beyond the headlines and reactions and to encourage deeper understanding of our own personal experiences and pursue the unity that only the gospel can provide.



# GOING IN ATLANTA / USA

## HEARTBOUND MINISTRIES

REACHING HEARTS BOUND BY PRISON WALLS.

### DBC Forms New Prison Ministry Partnership

Georgia has one of the largest prison systems in the United States and the highest percentage of its population under correctional supervision than any place in the world. One in 13 Georgians is under some form of correctional supervision; the national average is one in 35. Ninety-five percent of offenders will return to our communities.

HeartBound Ministries partners with prison chaplains and volunteers to provide spiritual guidance, mentoring, literacy services, computer instruction, life skills training, parenting classes, and other programs for youth and adult offenders and their families. HeartBound's comprehensive array of programs helps to fill the gap in much needed services for incarcerated adults and youth in Georgia.

If you'd like to learn more or volunteer, check out [heartboundministries.com](http://heartboundministries.com).

### New Partnership Helps Ministries Expand Their Capacity

DBC Missions often partners with small to medium size organizations that sometimes need more than just financial assistance and volunteers to reach their full potential. Sometimes a ministry can benefit from coaching and organizational development.

Our goal is to help expand the capacity of our partners for the work God has called them to do. We want them stronger when we end our partnership than when we began.

With this in mind, DBC Missions has formed a new partnership with Orchard here in Atlanta. Orchard helps non-profit leaders thrive through cost-free coaching and training. From feeding the hungry, mentoring students, to fighting human trafficking, their 80+ Partners are using their gifts and passions to meet some of the world's deepest needs.

Currently, three of DBC's Missions partners are benefiting from the services of Orchard.

To learn more, check out [meetorchard.org](http://meetorchard.org).



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## DBC & Chattahoochee Baptist Take Next Step in Revitalization

For the past four years, DBC has partnered with CBC on Johnson Ferry Road to help renew their witness in the community. This small, historic congregation is led by Scott Rourk. Scott has worked with DBC Missions for many years and headed up our work in Toronto. CBC has persevered through many challenges and is now in the process of not just revitalization, but actual replanting. This means a new strategy, a new focus, perhaps even a new name. But Scott and the members that have joined during his tenure are excited and ready to do what is needed.

This past year, CBC has added new members and a new weekly outreach to the dozens of young people who play basketball on their outdoor court. Previous members have returned and there is renewed energy for what God is doing through the congregation.

## DBC Sponsoring Two Tiny Homes with Jars of Clay

DBC Missions is funding two tiny homes which will house homeless teens with children. Work began on these homes August 19, 2021 on the DBC staff serve day. On August 28, young adults from DBC continued the work and future teams will complete these homes this fall.



## DBC Partners with Lilburn Alliance Church for Free Dental Clinic

- 60 Patients Treated
- 74 Volunteers

DBC's mission partner, JMA Ministries, headed up by Pastor James Amar, brought 40 refugees while a mission partner of LAC brought the remaining patients. It was a great weekend of service and working alongside another church.

## MISSION TEAM SERVES ON US/MEXICAN BORDER

What would it be like to gain firsthand knowledge of what's happening on the US southern border? How could you show the love and mercy of Jesus there?

That's exactly what a team of five from DBC had the opportunity to do this past summer. Border Perspective hosts learning trips for groups on the US/Mexican border. The week was full of learning, sorting supplies, working on a new ministry center, worship and doing whatever was needed.

Border Perspective is an amazing new partner of DBC. Our team loved the week and got to go beyond the headlines to serve people and share the love of Jesus. If you'd like to join the work on the border, check out [borderperspective.org](https://borderperspective.org) and look for more DBC mission team opportunities in 2022.

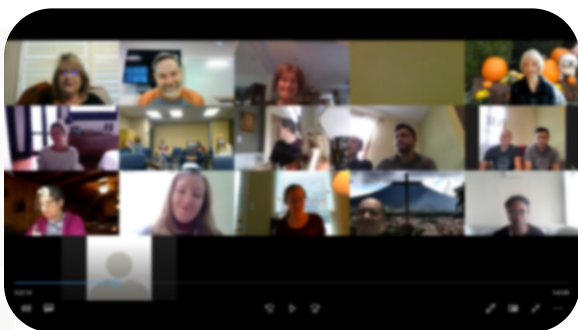




# GOING AROUND THE WORLD

## VIRTUAL MISSION TRIPS

Nearly 100 people participated in four virtual mission trips to Myanmar, Guatemala, Europe and the US/Mexican border.



## CARA MCCLAIN GETS CLOSER TO SPAIN

Cara McClain grew up in the Student Ministry of DBC and continued serving with Christian Campus Fellowship at Georgia Tech. The training she received in sharing the gospel sparked a passion to extend Jesus's love to others. In October 2021 Cara will take the next step in her missionary journey by moving to Spain to serve with Christian Missionary Fellowship through En Vivo at the University of Salamanca. She has a deep desire to show the love of Jesus to university students, to engage them in conversations about faith and life, and to create Christ-centered communities like the ones that formed her own faith.



Discover more about Cara's upcoming mission at [envivosalamanca.org](https://envivosalamanca.org).

## Funding Special Projects for our Partners

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, some budgeted spending was reallocated to meet significant needs for our partners. Here are the projects that DBC Missions was able to fund this year.

### NEW REVIVE GUATEMALA MINISTRY CENTER

Revive Guatemala is a discipleship and community development ministry. DBC mission teams serve with Revive. DBC Missions is funding a \$20,000 matching grant to help the ministry build out a new ministry and training center near Antigua.



### COVID-19 RELIEF FOR INDIA

During the height of the Delta variant outbreak in India, DBC Missions sent \$31,000 to assist The Good News Center, Asian Indian Ministries and Send Relief of the International Mission Board. These funds helped purchase needed oxygen equipment, food, and even covered burial costs for pastors who had succumbed to the virus.

## AGRICULTURE TRAINING GARDEN FOR GLOBAL FRONTIER MISSIONS

Global Frontier Missions trains future long term missionaries through their center in Clarkston, GA. DBC Missions provided a \$15,000 grant to help launch a new agricultural training garden to help these workers gain skills they will need in the field. Grant Haynes, Director of GFM, says that “the “Farming God’s Way” training will enable missionaries to train indigenous people to do sustainable and even for-profit farming to support their ministries. We also hope to have training for refugees and immigrants, giving them those same skills so that if they go back to their countries they will have something to sustain themselves.” This project will begin in Fall 2021.

[globalfrontiermissions.org](http://globalfrontiermissions.org)

## HAITI RELIEF

DBC partners with Conscience International for humanitarian and disaster relief response outside the



USA. After the 7.2 magnitude earthquake on August 14, 2021, DBC Missions sent \$15,000 in aid to support assessment, medical supplies, water purification equipment, food distribution and shelter. This is a long-term project between DBC and CI.

[conscienceinternational.org](http://conscienceinternational.org)

## FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN MYANMAR

Following the military coup in Myanmar on February 1, 2021, DBC Missions partner, JMA Ministries, began developing a plan to help. The ministry committed to helping families being displaced. They presented a plan to build homes for 15 Christian families who would have no place else to go. DBC Missions sent \$18,000 for the purchase of land and construction of bamboo homes. JMA continues to counsel, disciple and help these families find sources of income.

[jmaministries.org](http://jmaministries.org)



## REFUGEE ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHANS

In partnership with Conscience International, DBC Missions sent \$15,000 to aid Afghan refugees fleeing into Pakistan’s Northwest Frontier Province. Peshawar is the major city in this location and CI’s personnel are working to provide emergency assistance. DBC funds will go toward travel costs for the CI team, food and other supplies needed to help refugees.

[conscienceinternational.org](http://conscienceinternational.org)



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### JMA MINISTRIES

Here is a story from Pastor James Amar who heads up JMA Ministries in Clarkston, GA and in his home country of Myanmar.

"During the dark times in Myanmar, God worked amazingly through Myanmar missionaries.

After the Myanmar military coup happened, it is harder for evangelism and mission work in certain areas. The Covid-19 pandemic also gives us a hard time reaching out to the people in villages.

Mawia is a missionary who gathers believers for discipleship training with his wife. He is reaching the rural villages. God opened five young people's hearts and they were baptized in the river last month.



Those young five had a background in Buddhism. Since the Buddhist government brutally killed in their villages, they started to show interest in the story of Jesus and came to know Jesus from Mawia. Please continue to pray for their life in Christ and those who seek peace, shelter and new life.



# PREPARING TO GO

We grew up in the church and always believed in the importance of missions. If totally honest, however, our understanding of missions ended there, and it was often confused with being purely related to humanitarian issues.

After taking the *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* course in late-2018, God opened our eyes to the reality of missions. God is worthy of all glory, and He seeks to bless all people by inviting them into His global family, made possible through Christ. In turn, we bring glory to His name by inviting others to join into this blessing and then encouraging them to do the same with others.

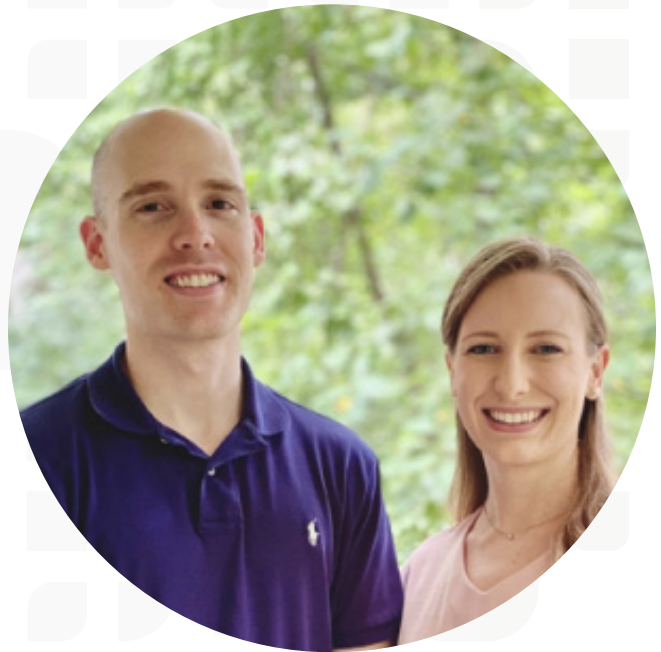
Missions, then, is how God will fulfill His purpose of receiving all glory from all the people he has blessed through Christ. But, there is much work to be done!

Many have never even heard of Jesus, even in developed countries. For this reason, in 2018 we began to prayerfully seek God's leading regarding the unreached, and His plan for us in it as we desired to be obedient to His call in the Great Commission.

For us, that obedience has turned into preparing to move from our full-time desk jobs doing investment research and data analysis to full-time missions in Japan, which is home to the world's second largest unreached people group. We are thrilled to have DBC come behind us as our primary sending church, and we are also appointed as workers of SEND International to serve long-term as disciple makers in Tokyo.

Before we can go, we have to finish raising the remaining 20% of our monthly support need to be fully funded. Please join us in praising God for his provision thus far!

While we are preparing to go to Japan soon, Lord willing, our unreached neighbors in Dunwoody are our mission, for we know God seeks to bless all people and nations for His name's sake. God is doing amazing things in Dunwoody and abroad to bring the nations to himself. Please say hello in the hallways of DBC or send us an email if you'd like to learn more!



## DAVID & EMILY

Preparing to leave January 2022

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[send.org/langley](https://send.org/langley) | Give





# WE REMEMBER

*This year we remember two humble servants, Pastor Hugo Moya of Iglesia Missionera Christa Vive in Pharr, TX and Renee Vanderboom who faithfully taught in our ESOL school for over 25 years.*



Pastor Hugo Moya was a tireless servant of Christ ministering with his wife, Eunice, their adult children and many others on the US/ Mexican border in Pharr, TX for the past 25 years. He suddenly passed away from injuries related to a construction accident in the Spring of 2021. His legacy continues on in the work of his family and others who have stepped in to serve immigrants. We look forward to sending another team to work with them in 2022.

Renee Vanderboom faithfully served in our ESOL school since its founding over 25 years ago. During this time, she befriended and taught hundreds of people from all over the world who came to our campus to learn English and make new friends. She was an encourager, a mentor, a friend and a witness for Christ. Renee passed away from cancer recently. Her presence will be greatly missed as we continue the ESOL school this year.

