



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: August 6

Randy and Denise Chestnut **DAYTON, OHIO**

Today we want to pray for two of our missionaries who are starting a new church in Dayton, Ohio.

Randy and Denise Chestnut grew up in Dayton, but moved away for many years, before God called them back there to start a new church. They are two of our Southern Baptist missionaries we support through our church's Cooperative Program giving.

They have started Hope Community Church and it meets in the same elementary school the two of them attended years ago.

They found the community has changed a lot, because many immigrants from other countries now live in the Dayton area. When Randy and Denise set up a community event with food samples, they had foods from nine different cultural groups.

Randy has been in touch with a group of Muslims from Turkey, for example, and hopes to reach some of them.

Let's pray for Randy and Denise as they reach people there in Dayton with the gospel. Let's ask God to bless and direct the Hope Community Church.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: August 13

Jeff and Barbara Singerman **CONGO**

Our missionaries go overseas to share the gospel and start churches.

But often their ministry changes more to training others to do the same thing once churches are established.

Today we want to pray for two of our missionaries in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Africa: Jeff and Barbara Singerman. They are two of the hundreds of missionaries serving in Africa that our church supports through the Cooperative Program.

A while back Jeff and Barbara trained Baptists from 250 churches how to share their faith, using stories from the Bible.

After the training, reports on what happened began pouring in.

One pastor said 60 new believers joined his church.

Ruth, a high school student led five of her classmates to Christ.

Paulin, a former gangster, went out on the streets to witness and led 19 gang members to faith in Christ and baptism.

Jeff and Barbara counted more than 1,000 people who came to faith in Christ because of the training they did.

Today we are going to pray for the Singermans and thank God for the thousands of people that are coming to Christ through their ministry there in Congo.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: August 20

Rob and Amy Burgess **ARVADA, COLORADO**

Folks, we know that any young person God calls to be a missionary has to be brave to follow through and go.

But how about when you're older and settled and you and your wife have three kids and one's already a junior in high school?

THEN, when you pick up and move halfway across the country to help start a new church — THEN you're brave indeed.

And today we're going to pray for Rob and Amy Burgess, because that's what they did: Moved from Florida to Denver, Colorado, to help start a new church.

Although a move like that did not make much financial sense or general sense, both of them clearly understood that's what God wanted them to do.

Rob and Amy are working with Ben Mandrell to get a new church called Storyline Fellowship up and running in a town called Arvada, which is really a suburb of Denver.

It started in February of 2015 and already has some 500 people attending every Sunday.

Our church is partnering in this new church, because these missionaries are supported through our Cooperative Program giving.

We already know Rob, Amy and Ben are brave. Now, let's pray that God will continue to multiply the members and the churches across the Mile High City through their ministries.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: August 27

Laura Reese **WEST AFRICA**

If we go out to visit homes and share the gospel, probably the most negative thing we have to deal with is bad weather.

But in West Africa, it can be much worse.

Our missionary in West Africa we are going to pray for today is Laura Reese.

A few years ago she had just a few believers to work with. Now there are two churches. Recently when the churches had an evangelistic outreach, 61 people were saved and baptized.

When that news got out, local witch doctors cast spells against the new believers, trying to destroy their new faith.

Laura met with the new believers for a praise service, because nothing happened to them! God is more powerful than any spell, she told them.

We thank God for this brave missionary, who struggles against rugged living conditions and witch doctors as she shares the gospel. We support her through our church's Cooperative Program giving.

Now, let's pray for Laura and those new believers.