



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: July 2

Garth Leno
WINDSOR, ONTARIO, CANADA

Today we want to pray for one of our missionaries in Canada: Garth Leno.

He was a pastor for many years in Windsor, a city just across the border from Detroit, Michigan, before he became a church planter. There are a few churches in Windsor, but only about seven percent of Windsor's people are evangelical Christians.

Garth decided to start a new church in 2014 and began holding Bible studies in his living room. The group grew quickly and soon they had to find meeting space — first a golf club and finally a warehouse. Now more than 350 people attend.

Members include South Asians, Chinese, Filipinos, Romanians, Eastern Europeans and people from the Caribbean islands.

Many more new churches are needed in Windsor. Garth and others are hoping this new church will help them get planted.

Today, we can thank God that this new church is growing so well as it reaches new believers. And we are thankful to have a hand in supporting it through our Cooperative Program giving.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: July 9

Brennan Masterson **SOUTH ASIA**

One of our missionaries in South Asia, Brennan Masterson, reminds us that in his part of the world, becoming a Christian can be costly in many ways.

He tells what happened when a man we'll call Deepak accepted Christ as Savior.

Deepak's (Say DEE-pack) family disowned him and kicked him out of their home. He was not allowed to attend his brother's wedding, nor allowed to see the brother's first child.

Deepak's brother, Rahul (say rah-HULL) saw all this, yet he also became a Christian. Now these two brothers are taking the gospel to new places. Their own family cut all ties with them; now fellow Christians are their only family.

So often we in America take the gospel for granted and forget that knowing Christ personally is the most precious thing there is.

We support Brennan as he faithfully shares the gospel there in South Asia. Our church supports him through our Cooperative Program giving.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: July 16

Danny **SOUTH ASIA**

Many of our Southern Baptist churches across the United States have ministries for deaf people.

In recent years our International Mission Board has sent increasing numbers of missionaries to share the gospel with deaf people overseas.

Today we want to pray for one of those missionaries to the deaf serving in South Asia. His name is Danny. Our church supports him through our Cooperative Program giving.

Danny met a deaf man named Abhay (say AHB-hay) who was a Hindu. Abhay had been to the United States to attend a school for the deaf. Christians there witnessed to him, but Abhay would not listen. He returned to South Asia, where he later met our missionary, Danny.

Danny became friends with Abhay and began to tell him Bible stories, using the same sign language Abhay uses. Abhay heard the gospel and for the first time understood God's love for him as shown through Jesus Christ.

He gave his life to Christ and became a follower. This story is being repeated all over South Asia and entire churches with deaf members have been started.

Today let us pray for our missionary Danny and for these new believers, that they will continue to grow in their understanding of the Lord.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: July 23

Brett Myers
CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

Calgary is a big city of skyscrapers sitting on the plains of western Canada.

It is also a city of lost people. More than 1.2 million people live in Calgary and that number is increasing rapidly because of the boom in oil and gas.

It was that lostness that captured the heart of our missionary we're going to pray for today. Brett Myers was a pastor in the small town of Westminster, South Carolina, when he visited Calgary on a mission trip.

He and his wife, Kristin, and their three daughters wound up moving there to start a new church in 2014. That's when our church started supporting them through our Cooperative Program giving.

Baptists in Calgary say the biggest need is more church planters who are willing to stay for a long time and start new churches, despite the long, cold winters and the people, whose hearts are often equally cold to the gospel.

Today, let us pray for Brett and his family, and ask God to give them a lasting commitment to start new churches.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: July 30

Laura Sharpe **AFRICA**

Today we want to pray for Laura Sharpe, one of our missionaries in Africa.

She works in a clinic that helps people in need, and in the country where she serves, that's about everybody.

One of the people Laura helped was a young woman named Sahiba (say sah-HEE-bah). Sahiba's first baby died when he was just a few months old. Local people told her it was because of demons. But the real cause was malnutrition.

Sahiba came to the clinic for help after her second child was born, because she was not able to feed him.

Laura gave her a goat that could be milked; goat milk would literally save the baby's life. Sahiba wept with gratitude.

As she learned about goat milk, of course, Sahiba also learned about the love of Christ.

Friends, our church helped send Laura to Africa and our church helped buy that goat that saved the baby's life, both through our Cooperative Program giving.

And now let's pray for our missionary, Laura, and her ministry there in Africa.