



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: June 4

Rawson and Carlie Brinley **SOUTH ASIA**

Two of our missionaries serving in South Asia are Rawson and Carlie Brinley.

They go out to villages to share the gospel.

Sometimes their ministry goes well. Sometimes not.

On one visit, three people in a village had said they wanted to become Christians. But when the Brinleys returned to that village, leaders told them the three had changed their minds. The leaders had beaten the three villagers to convince them to forget Christianity.

The Brinleys were told never to come to the village again.

But in another village, believers said they had located 10 homes where someone was interested in the gospel and were open to studying the Bible.

Today, let us pray that the Brinleys stay confident in the Lord and strong in their faith, so that, even when a door closes in their ministry, others will open.

Our church supports Rawson and Carlie through our Cooperative Program giving.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: June 11

Drake Nosco

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Our six Southern Baptist seminaries have a total enrollment of more than 18,000 students who are preparing for ministry as pastors, missionaries or other leaders.

Our seminary students pay much lower fees to attend our schools, because our Cooperative Program dollars provide a big part of their budgets.

We know seminary students study the Bible and many topics related to serving in or through a church.

But often today students are being taught how to share the gospel in today's world — both here in the United States and overseas.

Drake Nosco is a student at our seminary in New Orleans. He and a team of other New Orleans students went on a missions trip to Southeast Asia. They went to a country where it's illegal to evangelize.

Our missionaries there told them to go as tourists, but when a door opened, just brag on Jesus.

At a large Islamic mosque, Drake asked a Muslim man how he thought sins were forgiven. The man answered that if his good deeds in life outnumbered his bad deeds, then he could hope to be admitted into heaven — which is a false hope, of course. That answer gave Drake an opening to explain the truth — he was assured of his own salvation because of Jesus Christ and His atonement.

Today let's pray for Drake and the many other seminary students who are learning to share the Bible's truth to a world that has often settled for much less!



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: June 18

Heath **SOUTH ASIA**

One of our missionaries we'll call Heath was praying in a park.

A visiting volunteer asked why they were taking time to pray so long instead of just preaching about Jesus. Heath answered that they were asking God to show them where He was at work — that's where they wanted to be.

Heath reminded the worker what the Bible teaches about the Holy Spirit — He goes where He wants, like the wind.

Just then, a strong wind swept through the park. Immediately after a Muslim man came up and told Heath and the volunteer that someone had given him a tract about Jesus, and he had been reading it over and over. Now, he wanted to know more.

Heath was only too happy to talk to the man, of course.

We support Heath through our church's Cooperative Program giving. Let us pray he will continue being responsive to what the Holy Spirit directs him to do there in South Asia.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: June 25

Phil Wardell **EAST ASIA**

We know that our missionaries face many hardships and dangers when they serve overseas.

But Phil Wardell, one of our missionaries in East Asia, says having a child who is sick is one of the biggest challenges he and his wife have faced. His oldest daughter was sick for almost three years; five times she had to be evacuated to a hospital in another area for emergency treatment.

But their strong Christian faith enabled the Wardells to continue serving. Their daughter recovered. Phil says they learned that the safest place to be is in the center of God's will. When other missionaries have hardships, he shares their story to encourage them not to give up.

Aren't you glad we are supporting missionaries like the Wardells, who are truly committed to their calling and to service? It is through our church's Cooperative Program giving we support them.

And now let's thank the Lord for taking care of this missionary family and for their faithfulness in service.