



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: March 5

Andrew Mann
BRONX, NEW YORK

We know that reaching people with the gospel in big cities is often harder than working in small towns.

And few places are harder than the Mott Haven area of the South Bronx in New York City.

That's where missionary Andrew Mann has started Graffiti 2 Community Ministries, a church which has focused on helping needy people in the community, where drugs, gangs, crime and other urban ill are all too common.

Our church has supported Andrew through our Cooperative Program giving.

Today, let us pray for his ministry, that God would keep him safe but effective as he serves.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: March 12

Trey Van Camp **QUEEN CREEK, ARIZONA**

Today we're going to cowboy country in Arizona.

There really are lots of cowboys around Queen Creek, Arizona, which is southeast of Phoenix.

Queen Creek has grown from under 30,000 to about 50,000 in three years; it is one of Arizona's fastest-growing cities.

Our missionary, Trey Van Camp, decided to launch a new church meeting in a movie theater on the busy north side of Queen City.

They mailed out 5,000 invitations to the first service. Nobody answered.

But they had gathered about 40 people for that first service through offering Bible studies.

Eight people answered the call to salvation and were baptized that first service.

Many younger people in Queen Creek turn down being involved with a church though they know nothing about it. But the church has reached a number of people who were into drugs or had families that were broken.

Our church is supporting Trey through our Cooperative Program giving, and it's important for us to know that this new church, meeting in a theater, also supports missions through the Cooperative Program.

Can we pray now that this new church will do well and reach many with the gospel, especially those who do not realize how much they need it!



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: March 19

Jim Britts
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Today we want to pray for one of our missionaries who has started a new church in California.

His name is Jim Britts and he helped start New Song Parkside Church in San Diego in September of 2014. Our church helped him do this because our church's Cooperative Program missions dollars help support Jim.

He's one of our more than 5,000 Southern Baptist missionaries serving across North America.

The church has done well: They baptized 84 new believers in the first 18 months.

But that's because they work at being the church — in other words, they work at outreach. More than half the 250 adult members work in their summer program for children, which help draw in families. Also, even though his church is still new, Jim is already working to start more new churches.

Many churches are needed in North County, where Jim serves. When asked what their religion is, more than half the residents answer "None."

Today let's pray and ask the Lord to bless Jim and his ministry there on the Left Coast, so that many, many "Nones" will become Christ followers!



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: March 26

Blake and Laura Beth Comer **GREENPOINT, BROOKLYN, NY**

Today we want to pray for two of our missionaries who are starting a new church in Brooklyn, New York.

Now, we see all the TV shows that take place in New York City and it's usually all skyscrapers and big buildings in Manhattan.

But the missionaries we want to pray for today are on the other side of the East River, in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn. This is still New York City, because Brooklyn is one of the city's five boroughs.

Blake and Laura Beth Comer moved to Brooklyn from South Carolina in December of 2015. During the first few months of 2016 they found an apartment to live in and got their two young children enrolled in school. It was a big adjustment: From South Carolina to New York!

By the end of 2016 the Comers were beginning to invite people into their homes for brunch or cookouts, so they can get to know neighbors, share faith and get Bible studies started. Our church is helping Blake and Laura Beth serve in Brooklyn through our Cooperative Program giving.

More than 40,000 people live in Greenpoint, but there are only a few evangelical churches. Strong Bible-teaching churches are greatly needed.

Many people in Greenpoint are of Polish background; there are many stores and restaurants where Polish is spoken. Blake and Laura Beth have found a great little donut shop they stop by once a week to meet people, again to share their faith. They often hear Polish spoken.

Today, let's pray for this young family as they adjust to life in a very different part of the country for them. Let's pray the Lord will bless their ministry and help them get a strong and growing new church planted very soon!