



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: November 5

Jeremiah and Joy Farmer **EAST ASIA**

Can sickness provide a Christian witness?

Yes it can! And here's how it did in East Asia.

That's where our two missionaries, Jeremiah and Joy Farmer, are serving and we want to pray for them today, because we support them through the Cooperative Program.

The Farmers were discipling the new believers they had led to faith in Christ. They told the believers that, as Christians, they must have open hearts and that involves giving.

Then Joy got very sick and the Farmers had to leave East Asia. As soon as Joy was better, they went right back to start serving again. Jeremiah told the believers that Baptist churches back in America give money through a system called the Cooperative Program. That's how the Farmers were able to get the medical help for Joy she needed. That's how the Farmers could be in East Asia at all.

Those East Asian believers got a good lesson in giving. They also saw that the Farmers were faithful, and that sickness would not frighten them into quitting their important ministry.

Friends, this is the kind of missionaries we want representing Christ in that distant land. Let us pray for their health and celebrate their strong faith.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: November 12

Jon Cole **JAPAN**

Today we pray for one of our international missionaries serving in Japan.

Now, Japan is one of the most difficult mission fields in the world, partly because the Japanese language is very difficult to learn.

But our missionary, Jon Cole, also communicates in other ways. It so happens he's a pretty good trumpet player. He might have become a professional jazz musician if the Lord had not called him to mission service.

So he plays trumpet in the Japanese language church he attends. The band plays music at the local metro station for outreach.

Our church supports Jon through our Cooperative Program giving. Today, let's give thanks that he can use his God-given music talents there in Japan. And let's ask that many will come to faith in Christ through Jon's ministry.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: November 19

Yi Zhang **BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

Today we are going to pray for one of our Chinese missionaries in Baltimore, Maryland.

Yi Zhang (say yee-zang) is starting churches for the many Chinese people who live in the Baltimore area. Our church is helping support him through the Cooperative Program.

People from China are a big mission field for us here in the United States — it's estimated that about 4.6 million Chinese now live in the United States and Canada. But so far, we have started only 228 Southern Baptist churches for these Chinese.

Now, Yi has an interesting approach to outreach. Many Chinese people work, of course, in Chinese restaurants. So Yi goes to the restaurants to meet with the workers and lead Bible studies.

They can only meet when they finish working for the day, which is usually around midnight. So many of the Bible studies are held in the middle of the night.

Let us pray for Yi, who so wants to share the gospel with his people, he is willing to hold midnight Bible studies over and over so they can hear.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: November 26

Ray Owens
SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

Today we go to the southern part of California, just north of the city of San Diego, to the city of San Marcos.

Around 90,000 people live in this town but there are few churches.

The missionary we're praying for today, Ray Owens, moved there with his family and started a church in 2012.

That first service in their living room had about 15 people.

Now the church has grown to about 70; they just baptized three new believers.

The church is sponsoring community events like concerts to meet people and have opportunities to share the gospel.

Our church is partnering with this new church and providing financial support through our Cooperative Program giving.

Now, let us pray for Ray and this new church that it can both grow and multiply into other churches across the city.