

**Steve and Barbara Johnson – Youth With a Mission – YWAM** -are working in Budapest, Hungary where Steve serves as the Base Leader of the Discipleship Training School, in which new mission recruits are trained. The Johnson's ministry is based on a Christian coffeehouse in downtown Budapest. They also have a street ministry but have been restricted from this due to COVID-19. Currently they have an active outreach to the homeless population there.

*Prayer requests: Pray for encouragement for the Johnsons and their team as COVID-19 restrictions are severe in Hungary and the coffeehouse is in carry-out only mode. Guide Steve as he is involved training new mission partners through the Discipleship Training School. Give the whole team a vision for appealing to the young people of Hungary.*

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**Anthony and Sarah – East-West Ministries, Athens** – have a ministry to the immigrant and refugee population, bringing the gospel to them for the first time and connecting them to a church. Under the leadership of John Sabey, a Windwood member, a short-term missions team goes annually to Athens to help support this work.

*Prayer requests: Pray that God will continue to use our virtual environment to spread the gospel as He is doing today through Andrew and Shannon's church and Bible studies. Pray for our brothers and sisters from central Asia who live in Athens who are new believers and who are risking their lives and facing persecution, especially from their own families at home. Pray that they may continue to take on the gospel with the same boldness and joy that they are today and that they will continue to be obedient and serve the Lord faithfully. May they share the Good News with their own families. Pray Andrew and Shannon will be encouraged by these new believers. Also, that God's wisdom is clear to know how to proceed in evangelism and discipleship after lockdown finishes mid-May.*

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**Living Water International - LWI Windwood** sends short-term teams under the leadership of Rob McLaren to Central America and Haiti to help dig water wells in remote areas that have the need for clean water. Teams also teach hygiene classes and share the gospel. The teams are on hiatus now due to COVID-19.

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*Prayer requests: That God would send all the local village workers that will be needed in 2021 to drill the needed water wells, as all 2021 mission trips have been cancelled due to COVID-19. In addition, pray that God would send additional funding, with cancelled trips presenting funding challenges for 2021, including the shift of the LWI Annual Gala to a virtual event in October. Pray for countries, like El Salvador, where LWI operates, as COVID-19 cases are on the rise, and medical infrastructure is not equipped to handle the pandemic.*

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**Michael Newman -Christian Coalition for Reconciliation** - offers a ministry to those dealing with unwanted same sex attraction. Michael is an ordained pastor with years of experience in discipleship training and one-on-one mentoring related to sexual and relational brokenness. He ministers to individuals and churches both here and in South America.

*Prayer requests: Pray for Michael's health as he awaits upcoming PSA testing. Also pray for encouragement as he faces many challenges in today's highly charged climate.*

## Windwood's Global Missions Partners



## Windwood Mission Partners and Prayer Requests

**Michelle** grew up at Windwood and, after a few years of teaching after college, decided to answer the call to work as a missionary in a southeast Asian country to an unreached people group. Michelle has learned their language and works with a team to visit the area and share the gospel. A number of house churches have been started through these efforts and the team continues work on starting even more. Support is provided to these churches through visits to the area and zoom.

*Prayer requests: For the house churches to raise more leaders, for wisdom for Michelle's team as they explore a new farming platform to reach their people group, for boldness in sharing the gospel and for open doors and many opportunities to share.*

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**Michael and Henrietta Edward -Mission Bangladesh-** are members of Windwood who have a mission to preach the gospel in their native Bangladesh. They work with a team of other Christians reaching out to churches in multiple small villages and teaching a Bible course to young adults. In addition, they distribute Bibles, over 7,000 so far. Currently, they are in the Houston due to the COVID-19 travel restrictions and have been unable to return as of this date.

*Prayer requests: Pray for the team in Bangladesh as now they are facing many COVID-19 deaths in their area. The team is facing much risk both with COVID-19 and with preaching the gospel in a non-Christian country. Also, pray for Michael and Henrietta who are mourning the unexpected loss of their son Mark last year.*

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**Bobby and Debbie Booze – NOVO** - served as missionaries 16 years in Hungary before becoming leaders in NOVO. They train and lead over 140 staff working in 50 countries around the world. NOVO teams have had many challenges due to the COVID-19 shutdown this past year. Many people are asking spiritual questions for the first time creating unique opportunities for the sharing of the gospel.

*Prayer requests: Please pray that Bobby and Debbie would have the ability to hear God's voice throughout the COVID-19 situation and respond in accordance with His will and His plan, for guidance on how to help as many suffer with depression, loneliness and grief, for God's light to shine into the hearts of those who need comfort, love and peace, for encouragement and safety of NOVO staff around the globe who are in a variety of situations, for the recruitment and sending of new teams to new locations especially to unengaged people groups.*

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**Witnessing Ministries of Christ and Exodus Presbyterian Church** are a group of churches and individuals serving the Dalits (Untouchable Caste) in India. Their schools provide the children an education, gives them esteem for themselves as being worthy in the sight of God and shows them good habits and living skills. The churches are currently under extreme duress due to the conservative pro-Hindu government.

*Prayer requests: Prayers of gratitude that no one in the church has perished from COVID-19 thus far, for the people suffering with or recovering from the virus that they may regain their health, for protection for the thousands for whom everyday health care is barely recognizable, thanksgiving for strengthening faith in those who have understood God's presence in their struggles.*

**West Africa Theological Seminary -WATS-** in Lagos, Nigeria is dedicated to raising up Christian leaders in the highly volatile region of West Africa. In a country where being a Christian comes at a price, WATS is adding much needed infrastructure as well as presenting leading theologians and teachers to its class offerings. Windwood supports five seminary students there. COVID-19 has caused much loss of financial support for WATS in the past year.

*Prayer requests: For wisdom and strength for the leadership, for reconciliation and healing in Nigeria as there is much violence and killing there now, praise that many students used the COVID-19 shutdown as time for sharing the Gospel with their communities, that a grant was received for a virtual classroom providing a way to reach students wherever they are, praise that WATS is back open and many have returned, for the students learning how to reach Muslims for Christ.*

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**Bill and Yvonne Taylor - Taylor Consults** - consult with and support a variety of international missions. Bill writes books, mentors mission partners and is involved with starting a new mission center in Guatemala where he served for many years as a professor at a seminary. They live in Austin.

*Prayer requests: for Bill and Yvonne to have energy, health, and wisdom in how they continue to serve the Lord in Austin. Bill is currently experiencing challenging health issues with his heart. Also pray for his Guatemala mission center to thrive as it provides Christian leadership in that country and throughout Central and South America.*

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**Kristin Jones - New York City Bangladeshi Outreach** - The Jones family is currently living and ministering in concentrated neighborhoods of South Asian immigrants in NYC. Recently Kristin has been active in an online initiative to spread the gospel in this community – both here and abroad – through social media.

*Prayer requests: Thank God for being able to start meeting in person with Bangladeshis again. Praise God for tens of thousands of views on our website and FB pages of video testimonies we made in Bangla and clips from the Jesus Film. Pray for continued follow up with people who responded and those who have decided to follow Christ and now want to be baptized. Pray for wisdom on when to begin resuming English and job skill training in person for Bengali women.*

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**Mary and Joseph Ebenezer -Soar For Greatness.** These Houstonians have a conviction to return with the gospel and other help to their native India and Sri Lanka through frequent trips. COVID-19 has brought significant challenges where access to food is an increasing concern for many people. So far Soar for Greatness has helped 3500 people, mostly Christian families, with groceries. They are now adding medical help along with food.

*Prayer requests: For the vulnerable families in these locations and that Soar for Greatness will continue to be able to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people. Pray for the safety of the ministry's team as they deliver food and that hearts of the people will be open to hear the gospel as they share the Good News.*

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