

Where will you go?



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*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has
come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in
Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end
of the earth.." - Acts 1:8*



To The End of the Earth

MISSIONS EXPO 2022
CROSSPOINT

A Letter from Buck

Dear CrossPoint,

This is a momentous day in the life of CrossPoint. Seventeen years ago, the Lord created this family of faith and instilled within it a heart for ministry and missions. Since that time, the church has faithfully pursued the vision of reaching **JUST ONE MORE** and God has faithfully provided the necessary resources. However, during that time, there has always been the promise of a day when God would throw open the windows of heaven pour out His provision like never before in the life of this congregation. I believe that day is upon us. For the first time, we are debt free!

You have trusted in the Lord as you gave generously, and He has provided abundantly. Even amid a global pandemic, you gave a record **\$357,151** to the Missions Stream in 2021. Because of your continued generosity, CrossPoint was able to continue its support of missionaries all over the world through the International Mission Board and church planters through the North American Mission Board. We were also able to support CrossPointers as they responded to a call to missions, including Taylor and Lydia Whitley (Germany), Lauren Stearns (Germany), Michaela Hunter (Uganda) and Gina Leonardi (Guatemala). For the first time since the onset of the pandemic, we sent teams into the field on short-term mission trips to Guatemala and Atlanta. We touched the nations with the love and message of Christ as we increased our participation in Operation Christmas Child by over 200%. We continued to support local ministries, including The WellHouse, Alabama Baptist Children's Homes and Birmingham Metro Baptist Association Disaster Relief. Through God's provision and your generosity, we truly participated in taking the gospel **HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE** in 2021.

However, the faithfulness of God in the past should only prove to grow our faith and expectation for what He will do through us now. As we enter the mission field debt-free, we do so expecting the Lord to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think. The opportunities are limitless. As the Lord wills in 2022, we will seek to take the gospel of Jesus Christ **TO THE END OF THE EARTH!**

In Christ,

Minister of Missions & Senior Adults



"BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU, AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH." ACTS 1:8

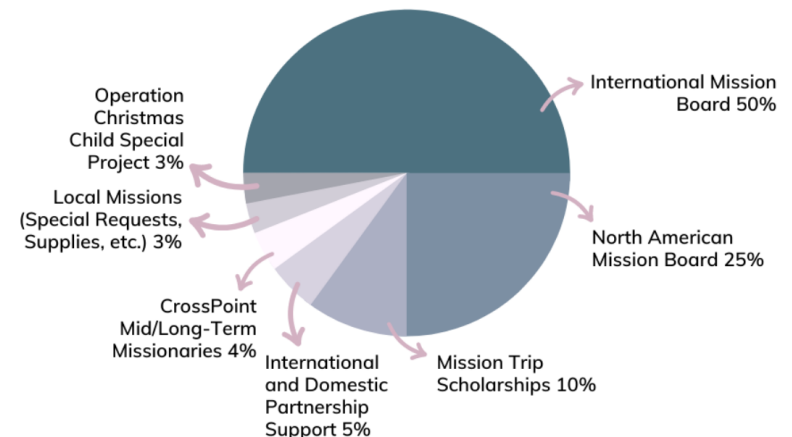
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2021 IN REVIEW

Highlights in 2021:

- CrossPointers travelled internationally (Guatemala) and domestically (Atlanta and Clarkston, GA) on mission for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic.
- CrossPoint commissioned Lauren Stearns as a missionary to assist with church planting efforts in Berlin, Germany.
- Taylor and Lydia Whitley relocated to begin planting a church in Berlin, Germany.
- Gina Leonardi served as a mission intern for two months at Casa Gloria in Guatemala.
- Over 50 CrossPoint students participated in two serve days with various ministries, including The WellHouse, Lovelady Center, Center Point Backpack Buddies and Stitches of Grace.
- CrossPoint Construction Ministry assisted in the completion of a chapel and children's home at the WellHouse.
- CrossPointers packed 1,400 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and collected an additional 3,470 shoeboxes serving as an area collection site.
- Assisted with various needs of our mission partners around the world by providing Bibles in Pakistan, funding food pantries in Romania and sponsoring air-time for radio ministry in Peru.
- CrossPointers gave over **\$350,000** to the Missions Stream (breakdown below).

Mission Stream 2021 BREAKDOWN



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

SAMARITAN'S
PURSE

CrossPoint's participation in Operation Christmas Child increased by over 200% in 2021! The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations. Since 1993, more than **188 million** children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Through this ministry, more than **12.5 million** boys and girls have made a decision to follow Christ.

"Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

Mark 10:14

"Every box is an opportunity to reach a child with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

—**Franklin Graham**
President, Samaritan's Purse

CrossPoint has participated in Operation Christmas Child for years; however, in 2021, new opportunities were presented to us that allowed for greater engagement with this global gospel ministry. Through a joint-effort by Bible Study Groups across the church, we were able to pack over 1,000 shoeboxes in one day to be distributed to hard-to-reach areas of the world. Additional boxes were built by senior adults, adults, students and children for a grand total of 1,400 shoeboxes packed by CrossPointers in 2021!

Again this year, we were privileged to serve as an area collection site for Operation Christmas Child. Through this ministry, volunteers were able to collect an additional 3,470 shoeboxes from area churches, business and individuals. Each drop-off provided an opportunity to pray with one of our neighbors and seek out potential gospel conversations.

We are praying that the Lord allows us to engage even more deeply in this ministry in 2022. If you would like to serve in the coming year, please contact Stephanie Gates at stephanie@doublegates.com.



The Vision of CrossPoint Missions

CROSSPOINT EXISTS TO GLORIFY GOD BY REACHING **JUST ONE MORE**
TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF *Jesus Christ*.

In accordance with the vision of CrossPoint, the purpose of CrossPoint missions is to reach **JUST ONE MORE** by partnering with gospel-centered ministries locally, domestically and internationally in sharing the message and love of Jesus Christ with a lost world. **CrossPoint Missions are grounded in these Biblical convictions:**

1. The ultimate goal of missions is the eternal glorification of God by all people groups on earth.

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."
Revelation 7:9-10

2. The Church is called to make disciples of all nations.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
Matthew 28:18-20

3. Missions includes gospel engagement beginning locally and intentionally proceeding to the ends of the earth.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8

4. Proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ is essential in the salvation of lost souls.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"
Romans 10:14-15

5. True Biblical missions are directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and the advancement of the Kingdom is a product of the work and will of God.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
Acts 13:2

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.
Acts 16:6-7

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit."

John 3:5



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just one more

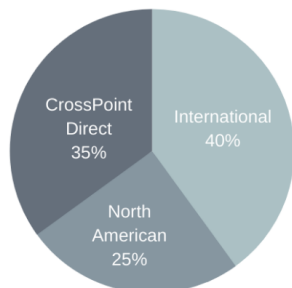
Missions Stream Goal

New Goal, New Allocation, Increased Impact!

The Missions Stream is one of the three streams in CrossPoint's River of Stewardship. **The goal for 2022 has been increased from \$350,000 in 2021, to \$500,000 in 2022, and \$500,000 in 2023. That means CrossPoint will give \$1,000,000 over the next two years to this stream! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

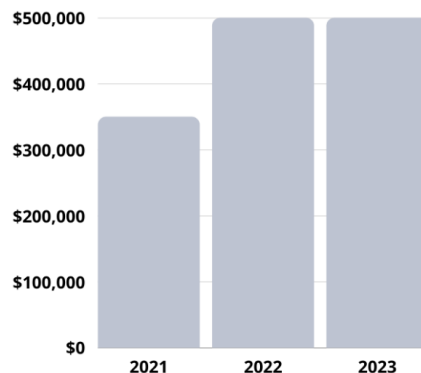
Along with the new goal, our teams have adjusted our percentage allocations to include **40% to International Missions, 25% to North American Missions, and 35% to CrossPoint Direct Missions.** That means that by the end of 2023 we will give \$400,000 to International Missions, \$250,000 to North American Missions and we will have \$350,000 available for CrossPoint Direct Mission initiatives. The increased goals and these updated percentages will result in significant increases in all three categories...**WOW!**

Missions Stream New Goal



As a member of CrossPoint, you have the flexibility to give to missions at your own pace. You can give **weekly, monthly, or annually** to support these exciting mission opportunities based on your personal cash flow patterns. You can also teach your family to generously give to missions. What an opportunity we have as a church family and what an opportunity you have as an individual or as a family to join God where He is working at home and around the world! **Pray about what God would have you give to missions in 2022!**

Increased Missions Goals



Center Point Backpack Buddies

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink...Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:35-40

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Our Mission is to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure.

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The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.

www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/

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Serving You Ministries' vision is to serve our community in areas of need through a Christ-Centered Relational, Servant, Accountable, and Sincere attitude.

www.servingyou.org



At CrossPoint, every member is a minister in the church and is called to be a missionary in the world. There are various ways to answer this missionary calling as a CrossPointer. To begin with, we must **PRAY**. We are instructed in the Bible to pray for our brothers and sisters in the mission field (2 Corinthians 1:11). We must cover our Mission Partners in prayer so that they will be strengthened in the midst of spiritual battles and so that the Word of the Lord will speed ahead with clarity and conviction. Secondly, we must **GIVE**. At CrossPoint, we are encouraged to give generously above our tithes to the Missions and Manna Streams. As a new debt-free day dawns for our church, we are looking for God to open unimaginable new doors for ministry and missions through your generous giving. Finally, we must **GO**.

Praying, Giving, Going

WAYS TO BE MORE INVOLVED



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

If a child needs a bed, we want to make sure they get one. No kid sleeps on the floor in our town.

www.shpbs.org

The mission of the Argo Community Food Bank is to alleviate hunger in and around the community of Argo Alabama.

www.cityofargo.org/food-bank/



The opportunities to engage with our Mission Partners face-to-face, to encourage them and to serve alongside them are ever-expanding. Many of you have had the blessing of going on mission for the sake of the gospel. Others are curious but are not sure where to begin. Here are several ways to go on mission:

Short-Term Mission Team Leader – The Leader has been actively involved in missions historically and feels led to take on a leadership role with one of our existing mission teams or to lead a new mission endeavor. The Leader's primary responsibility is to disciple and pray for those on your mission team. The Leader is also responsible for recruiting and training team members, working with the Minister of Missions and Mission Partner to finalize trip logistics, preparing the team for the trip, supervising the team while on the field, ensuring the financial responsibilities of the team are met and documented, and reporting on the trip upon the team's return.

Short-Term Mission Team Member – The Member may or may not have missions experience, but acknowledges the Biblical calling to take the gospel to the nations. All Team Members are expected to prayerfully seek to live out their CrossPoint Membership Covenant while on mission by protecting the unity of the team, sharing the responsibility of the team, serving the ministry of the team, supporting the finances of the team and enhancing the testimony of the team.

Mission Point Partner – Point Partners actively support CrossPoint's Mission Partners and Short-Term Mission Teams through prayer and encouragement. Point Partners are responsible for maintaining regular contact with our Mission Partners, communicating with our Short-Term Mission Team Leaders (if applicable) on matters relating to our Mission Partners, coordinating regular times of prayer for our Mission Partners and actively encouraging our Mission Partners through cards, notes, emails or other means.



Changing Girls' Lives and Leading Them Toward a More Christ-Centered Life.

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"HERE I AM!
SEND ME"
ISAIAH 6:9

Berlin, Germany

TAYLOR, LYDIA, LUKE ELIJAH & CALEB WHITLEY



Organization: IBC Berlin

Personal Information: Taylor and Lydia Whitley have two sons, Luke Elijah and Caleb.

Mission: Taylor and Lydia have completed a two-year church-planting apprenticeship in Bremen, Germany and have relocated to Berlin to begin a new church planting project in partnership with the International Baptist Church of Berlin. They are beginning work with fellow CrossPointer Lauren Stearns in assembling a plant team, building relationships in their community and praying for the Lord's direction.

MENSCHEN MIT JESUS,
UNTEREINANDER UND
MIT GOTTES WELT
VERBINDEN.

"THE LORD IS AT HAND; DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING



We exist to honor God by rescuing and providing opportunities for restoration to female victims of human trafficking who have been sexually exploited.

the-wellhouse.org

The CrossPoint Construction Ministry demonstrates the love of God through building projects for churches, parachurch organizations and those in need in our community.

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Stitches of Grace meets to create wonderful things such as prayer shawls and quilts for those in need in our church and community. We gather to pray and get creative.

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Local Mission Partners

CROSSPOINT CHURCH

WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY
THERE ARE MANY
OPPORTUNITIES TO REACH
JUST ONE MORE THROUGH
LOCAL MISSIONS. HERE
ARE SOME OF THE LOCAL
MINISTRIES WITH WHICH
CROSSPOINTERS ARE
ALREADY SERVING:



Empowering women, through faith-based initiatives, so they can return to society as well-equipped women of God."

www.loveladycenter.org

Discovery Clubs are Bible clubs that meet in public elementary schools during after-school hours. These clubs are freely offered and teach the gospel while also building foundations for life, developing character and changing our communities.

www.cefalabama.com/discovery-clubs



DISCOVERY CLUBS

More than lessons. Life.



Alabama Baptist
CHILDREN'S HOMES
& Family Ministries

The purpose of Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries is the protect, nurture and restore children and families through Christ-centered services.

www.alabamachild.org

WHAT ROLE DOES PRAYER PLAY IN CHURCH PLANTING?

The answer is simple, a lot!

Lydia named 2021 the year of transition. During this year we completed a two-year church planting training, welcomed our second son Caleb Ezekiel into this world, spent three months visiting family and raising support in the USA, and then, moved to another city. Why all the transition? So, we can start a new church planting project in Berlin.

Unless this is your first week at CrossPoint, you've probably heard something about this project. Working in partnership with the International Baptist Church of Berlin, our goal is to invite people from all nations living in Berlin to walk with Jesus. A lot of thought, planning, preparation, and training go into such a project. Without a doubt, however, the most important aspect of our work is **prayer**.

Prayer, at its most basic sense, is a conversation with God. It's taking time out of the hustle and bustle of everyday life to interact with the Creator of the world. It's speaking, listening, petitioning, and receiving. We pray before meals, in preparation for a great task, when we feel thankful, when we feel troubled, in worship, and even in the small pauses during the day.

Both as a family and individually Lydia, Luke, Caleb, and I pray about the church plant. Sometimes we pray for us: that God would equip, prepare, enable, and empower us to be effective in our work. Sometimes we pray for others: for our neighbors, friends, colleagues, and people we will meet and share Jesus with this year. Sometimes we pray for the results: that God would establish the work of our hands, that people would meet and begin a relationship with Jesus, and that God's kingdom would expand in Berlin.

Amazingly, many of you pray for this project too! CrossPoint, you prayed for us during our time in Alabama both corporately and individually. We regularly receive letters, emails, texts, and notes with your prayers for us. Your prayers strengthen, embolden, and uphold us. We cannot thank you enough for your prayers!

But why pray? After all, if we believe what the Bible says, God already knows our thoughts, actions, and words (**Psalm 139:1-4**). He already has a plan for us and does whatever he pleases (**Psalm 115:3**). So, what's the point?

According to the Gospel of John, we pray because God desires our prayers. Jesus said in **John 15:7-8**, "But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father."

We pray to be near to God through Jesus. We pray to ask God to work in our lives. We pray because we are disciples of Christ. And when we do these things, God receives great glory!

God already answered so many of our prayers. He provided us with an amazing team member for the project, Lauren Stearns. He blessed us with a supportive partner church who continues to help us physically during our transition. He provided us an apartment in the exact location we've prayed for. He provides the financial support through his people to enable the work. What a blessing! God provides for us far more abundantly than we could ever ask or imagine. To God be the glory!

So what are you praying about? What glory could God receive if you would spend more time with him in prayer? Set aside some specific time this week for prayer. Ask God to help us in our work in Berlin. Ask him to help you in your daily life. Take time to be silent and listen to the Holy Spirit. By doing so, we will produce much fruit that brings glory to God!

WHAT GLORY COULD GOD
RECEIVE IF YOU WOULD
SPEND MORE TIME WITH
HIM IN PRAYER?

Berlin, Germany

LAUREN STEARNS



Organization: Greater Europe Mission

REACHING EUROPE
BY MULTIPLYING
DISCIPLES AND
GROWING CHRIST'S
CHURCH

Personal Information: Lauren Stearns graduated from Samford University with a post-graduate degree in social work before answering God's call on her life to church planting in Europe.

Mission: Lauren will be working with Taylor and Lydia Whitley to plant an international church in Berlin. She is currently completing language school and building relationships in the city. For more information, see www.gemission.org.

Clarkston, Georgia



Organization: NAMB Send Relief Atlanta Ministry Center

Mission: Known as the “Ellis Island of the South,” it is estimated that Clarkston, Georgia has received over 40,000 international refugees over the last 25 years. This small, southern town is now home to over 100 different ethnic groups, including Congolese, Syrians, Bhutanese, Eritreans, Ethiopians, Somalis, Sudanese, Liberians, Vietnamese and others. As a result of this resettlement, the North American Mission Board has established the Atlanta Ministry Center which allows churches and individuals to invest in and learn from the residents of this unique community.

Every summer, the Ministry Center partners with Clarkston International Bible Church to host Camp Encounter where an average of 100 campers a day from around the world are able to encounter our faithful God as they learn about the Gospel. High-school age and up are able to serve

2022 Short-term Mission Trip: Camp Encounter - TBD – contact Buck Poole for more information.

*Meeting needs,
changing lives.*

For more information, please see <https://www.sendrelief.org/projects/atlanta-ministry-center>.

Boston, Massachusetts

STEVEN, AMY, LILY, ADDISYN, KARIS & AMELIE CASTELLO



Organization: City on a Hill Church – Forrest Hills

Personal Information: Steven is married to Amy and they have four daughters, Lily, Addisyn, Karis, and Amelie.

Mission: City on a Hill Church is a network of neighborhood churches in the greater Boston area. Steven launched the most recent church in this network in the Forrest Hills community in 2020. As this neighborhood is multi-cultural, the mission of the church is to see neighbors from every culture follow Jesus as King. The church began holding services in the Fall of 2020 and continued to grow in 2021 through gospel proclamation and discipleship. For more information, visit <https://coahforesthills.org/>.

**Every person.
Every Culture.
Experiencing
the Gospel.**

TO SEE OUR NEIGHBORS
FROM EVERY CULTURE
FOLLOW JESUS AS KING.

To the Person Who Wonders if They are Called to Foreign Missions...

I remember being in high school and wondering what I was going to do with my life. There is a lot of pressure to decide where you go to school, what job to have, and ultimately who you want to be. I had my sights set on something in the medical or engineering fields. It wasn't until I went on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic that I started to question that trajectory.

Before I went on the trip, I had been experiencing a lot of stress and anxiety in my life. I remember landing in the DR and instantly feeling a sense of peace. I know the Lord was with me and was giving me the comfort to pause, look around, and question what I thought my life would become. After a week in the DR, I felt enough conviction to stop and really consider if the Lord was wanting me to shift from my current plan to a life of ministry and mission.

I prayed, journaled, and sought the counsel of the student staff. At the end of a discernment period, I really felt like God wanted me to shift my focus and lean into a life of ministry. The beginning of the story sounds so clear. It seems like God very clearly told me that He wanted me to do this, and in many ways He did. It didn't just happen overnight, though. It took years for me to develop my "calling" and learn more specifically where and how God wanted me to serve.

The trip to the DR was special because it opened my eyes to an opportunity I had not considered before. It was the jolt I needed to cause me to slow down my pace a bit and question where I was heading. It's not like having a career in medicine or engineering is a bad thing. There are certainly many ways to glorify God and share the gospel in those fields, or in any field for that matter. The thing is, that's not what God wanted me to do. I felt Him very clearly telling me that He wanted me to pursue ministry and missions as a vocation.



That initial trip opened my eyes to the possibilities of what God could do, but it wasn't until I started surrounding myself with and investing in the international community in Birmingham that I began to see both the need and beauty of missions in an entirely new way. As I began to make friends with people from different countries, I began to see a) their need for the gospel and b) how beautiful the kingdom of God is when many different countries and cultures are represented. I had so much to learn about hospitality from my Middle Eastern friends. I had so much to learn about justice from my European friends. I had so much to learn about prayer from my African friends. The list goes on and on. I had to understand that the global Church looks very different from the churches I grew up around. Praise God for CrossPoint. Praise God that CrossPoint cares about seeing the gospel go forth into the world. Praise God that CrossPoint is a faithful part of the kingdom of God, but I needed to learn more about other cultures and peoples to open my eyes to some of the things I might have been missing. I needed to expand my view of the Church in order to see just how gracious and powerful our God is, to see just how worthy He is of all praise and honor and glory.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to foreign missions, I would invite you to pray. I would invite you to step out of your comfort zone and learn more about other cultures- not just about the areas they need help in but also about how you could learn from them. I would invite you to take a moment to look around and ask yourself if you are willing and able to go. Many are willing but not able. Many are also able but not willing. A life of ministry and mission involves sacrifice, but that sacrifice is well worth the reward of standing next to your new brothers and sisters singing praises to our God at His throne. To worship with peoples of all tribes and nations and languages, we have to be willing to go to those tribes and nations and languages that they may hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

*The question is, if God says,
"Go" are you ready to do it?*

Bundibugyo, Uganda

MICHAELA HUNTER



Organization: Serge Global

Personal Information: Michaela is the daughter of CrossPointers Mike and Lisa Hunter. She graduated from Samford University in May 2020 with a degree in Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education.

Mission: Michaela serves primarily as a teacher for missionary children. She teaches kindergarten and 1st grade three days a week and 4th-6th grade one and a half days a week. She also serves the missionary families by caring for the children while her team goes into the surrounding community providing medical care, overseeing a secondary school, providing clean water and sharing God's Word. For more information, visit <https://give.serge.org/p-793-michaela-hunter.aspx>.



Atlanta, Georgia

DUSTIN, DANIELLE, KATE & BRADY LEE
JARRED, MEGAN, JUDSON, AUDREY & OWEN BOYD



Organization: City View Church

Personal Information: Dustin and Danielle Lee have two children, Kate and Brady. Jarred and Megan Boyd have three children, Judson, Audrey and Owen.

Mission: City View Church is a NAMB church plant that exists to multiply disciples from neighbors to the nations for the glory of God. The vision given to Dustin and Jarred is to plant a multi-cultural church in the upper-westside of Atlanta that focuses on intentional evangelism to reach the lost and missional engagement to combat cultural Christianity. The church began to gather for worship in 2021 and continues to pray for core team members in 2022. For more information, visit their website at <https://cityviewatl.com/>.

"THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE."

MATTHEW 28:19-20

2022 Short-term Mission Trip: July 9-14 – contact Daniel Brown (dbrown@crosspointchurch.info) or Buck Poole for more information.

Llucut, Ecuador

DAVID, MONICA, MICHAELA, ISABELLA & DAVID, JR. PROANO



Organization: Open Air Campaigners Ecuador

Personal Information: David and Monica Proano have three children, Michaela, Isabella and David, Jr.

Mission: Open Air Campaigners is an international and interdenominational mission which has been taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to those outside the church since 1892. Much of David and Monica's work consists of training Christians to communicate their faith more effectively. They teach courses at Bible colleges around the world, as well as in hundreds of local churches. When they are not teaching, they participate in street evangelism in the plazas surrounding their community. As a result of these efforts, they have recently planted a church in Llucut.

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AND THERE THEY
CONTINUED TO
PREACH THE
GOSPEL.”
ACTS 14:7



I began serving in Bundibugyo, Uganda at the end of 2020 as a Missionary Kid Teacher. Throughout the past year, God has been with me and encouraging me to learn language, speaking through me to those around me who are living difficult lives and helping me to see how capable I am because of the ways I am able to depend on Him. Fear of the unknown has often stopped me from pursuing difficult things, but the more I see God's hand in my life, the more I am able to trust Him in all areas of my life. I wanted to share a few ways God has led me to where I am today.

...the more I see God's hand in my life, the more I am able to trust Him in all areas of my life.

At the beginning of 2019, a few teachers from a school in Uganda visited my university. These were courageous Ugandan men and women who are passionate about teaching. I was moved by the fire in their hearts and God put a desire in my heart to learn more. During their last day with us, one of my friends ran up to me and asked if I would go with her to Uganda over the summer. My mind raced with fear, anxiety and excuses for why I couldn't go. In that moment, God reached out and helped replace these fears with courage. That summer, I went to teach in their school. Those experiences allowed me to depend more on God and created a desire to be close with him. When I returned from Uganda at the end of the summer, I felt God calling me overseas long term. He was calling me towards a difficult place to fill a need in a rural part of the world. I felt terrified. I knew I had been overseas once, but could I move there long term? How could I move away from all of my family and friends?

As I was talking with my sending agency, Serge, about moving, I continued to have feelings of doubt. I had heard missionaries speak and didn't believe I was knowledgeable enough or spiritually mature enough to be a missionary. A friend of mine advised me to read more about Moses. Moses did not feel capable as a speaker and even asked God to send someone else. God gave him sign after sign and Moses continued to doubt. Moses was far from perfect, yet God used Him in mighty ways. We often forget this part of Moses' story. We think of him as someone who loved God deeply and depended on him through everything. When in fact, God worked in him and through him for a long time and it deepened Moses' love for God.

One of Serge's core values is ministry through weakness. It is through our weaknesses that we are able to see the grace of God. It is true that God gives us gifts and He uses those gifts, but we are still imperfect humans. It is only when we realize this truth that we are able to truly rely on God's power instead of our own efforts. Moses may have guided the Israelites out of Egypt, but it was only through God's power that Moses was able to do this. God could have called anyone to Bundibugyo, Uganda to serve, but He chose my teammates and I and works in us and through us each day.

We are not perfect, but it is through our imperfections and weaknesses that we are able to minister to others to show them God's perfect love.



Boston, Massachusetts

RICK & JESSE KENNEDY



Organization: City on a Hill Church – Forrest Hills

Personal Information: Rick and Jesse Kennedy

Mission: City on a Hill - Forest Hills is a church in a network of neighborhood churches in the greater Boston area. Its mission is to lead people to love, trust, and follow Jesus in everyday life. The church began holding services in the Fall of 2020 and continued to grow in 2021 through gospel proclamation and discipleship. For more information, visit <https://coahforesthills.org/>.



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make straight your paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

Belize



Organization: Praying Pelican Missions

Mission: CrossPoint Student Ministry is partnering with Praying Pelican Ministry to go and serve the people of Belize. Praying Pelican's purpose in Belize is to support and uplift the local church. They seek to accomplish this purpose by partnering with churches and pastors to provide support in various ways. They connect teams like ours to local churches to serve in the following ways: evangelism, discipleship, children's ministry, youth ministry, food distribution, projects, and outreach events. Belize is a great location for students to experience foreign missions because it is a primarily English-speaking country and is very welcoming to all who visit.

CONNECTING THE
LOCAL CHURCH
ON A GLOBAL
LEVEL THROUGH
SHORT-TERM
MISSION TRIPS

2022 Short-term Mission Trip: March 26-April 1 – contact Daniel Brown (dbrown@crosspointchurch.info) or Buck Poole for more information.

South Asia

RAVI, CAITLIN, OLIVER, NORAH & ELIJAH LANDGE



Organization: Cooperative Outreach International

Personal Information: Pastor Ravi, or "JoJo" as he is called, is the son of the founder of this ministry. Ravi and his wife have three children, Oliver, Norah and Elijah.

Mission: COI was founded in the late 1980's for the cause of enabling indigenous leaders to reach the unreached people groups in South Asia with the gospel of Jesus Christ through best disciple making practices, church planting efforts & various initiatives to aid the vulnerable and impoverished in society. COI also works to enable the persecuted church to continue in their journey of faith. For more information, please see coiinc.org.

2022 Short-term Mission Trip: TBD – contact Brent Parkman (bparkm@gmail.com) or Buck Poole for more information.

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THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL,
BUT THE LABORERS ARE
FEW; THEREFORE PRAY
EARNESTLY TO THE LORD
OF THE HARVEST TO SEND
OUT LABORERS INTO HIS
HARVEST.”
MATTHEW 9:37-38

Jesse and I knew well before we met that God was calling us to something outside of Birmingham. Independently we sought out mission opportunities across the country and ultimately across the world, many of which we have you, CrossPoint, to thank for. After getting married we waited on God's timing and provision to show us where he was going to plant us. Waiting wasn't easy, we sought answers in multiple places, Fairbanks (Alaska), Reykjavik (Iceland), Asia and Central America. At every turn we encountered closed doors, hard lessons in waiting patiently. Then God brought us to the Castello's home and we learned about Boston. Boston was so different from the work we were looking for in places that played to our strengths and giftings. Boston called on us to lay down those strengths and abilities, and helped us to pick up a deeper, fuller dependence on God's ability to provide.

Transitioning from a large church to a church plant that's smaller than the World's Greatest Sunday School Class was a big step. There was no place to hide in the crowd, and it stretched us to grow both emotionally and spiritually. City on a Hill - Forest Hills is the church we were called to help plant. It's a church in a network of neighborhood churches that's mission is to lead people to love, trust, and follow Jesus in everyday life. An actionable goal in a city where fewer than 3.5% of the population claim to be evangelical. Boston is one of the most diverse cities in our country, with students from more than 130 countries represented. This diversity gave us the opportunity to grow in how we love and support our neighbors. It forced us to grow comfortable beyond our comfort zones, in ways that only God could have led us through.

Some of the biggest lessons we learned being in a church plant revolve around community. We quickly learned that true Gospel centered community doesn't appear overnight. We have had the amazing opportunity to delve into one another's lives for both accountability and encouragement. Sometimes it is full of laughter, meeting up to tell stories over dinner while other times it is sitting at Children's Hospital with your neighbor's ill child. We have also seen Gospel centered community tear down the walls that society so often builds for us. We have had the opportunity to build lasting relationships with brothers and sisters from all walks of life and learn that community means different things to people from different traditions. We have learned how to put aside the things that made us different and faithfully pursue the people in our church community for the sake of the Gospel.

To sum it up, it's been an adventure, but we expected nothing less. Change is hard especially when it involves leaving all the knowns and comforts of your life to pursue a calling. New neighborhoods, new jobs, and new communities can instill uncertainty, but what we have found time and time again is that our God is unchanging, ever faithful to care for his children. When stepping out on faith there will be terrifying times. When we go through those times we cling to the promises of Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make straight your paths." And Joshua 1:9 "...Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Because of Jesus,
Rick and Jesse Kennedy



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FRIGHTENED AND DO
NOT BE DISMAYED.
FOR THE LORD YOUR
GOD IS WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO."
JOSHUA 1:9

Cusco, Peru

CESAR, GABY, JOY & PAS AYALA RODRIGUEZ



Organization: Zona Zegura Ministries

2022 Short-term Mission Trips: June and October – contact Alan Stone (alsanstone5355@gmail.com) or Buck Poole for more information.

The mission of Zona Zegura is to raise up fervent followers of Jesus Christ who will reach out and impact communities, cities, and nations for the kingdom of God.

Personal Information: Cesar and Gaby Ayala Rodriguez have two daughters, Joy and Pas.

Mission: Zona Zegura Ministries is a network of house churches that minister among the Andes Mountains in and around Cusco, Peru. Throughout the year, Zona Zegura trains and equips local pastors who shepherd these house churches. Also, Zona Zegura operates an orphanage in Cachora, Peru which houses dozens of children. In 2021 and 2022, Zona intends to expand its reach as it will send its own missionaries to Lima and Arequipa, Peru to plant house churches in those regions.

Thailand

DAVID, AMANDA, DILLON, ALASTAIR, ELLERY & GILLIAN THOMAS



Organization: Global Outreach International

Personal Information: David and Amanda Thomas have four children, Dillon, Alastair, Ellery and Gillian.

Mission: David and Amanda work closely with local Asian church partners and other missionary colleagues to make disciples, train local church members and leaders to ultimately see more healthy and maturing churches planted in Southeast Asia. Their priorities are evangelism, discipleship, theological education and planting new churches that become sending churches. For more information, see globaloutreach.org/davidandamanda.

Empower believers to follow the Holy Spirit's calling in their lives. Instead of telling people where or how to do their ministry, they equip missionaries to be effective serving wherever God calls them using the gifting and talents He has given them. They believe all in Christ are called to be on mission with Him.

Quebec City, Canada

JEAN-PHILIPPE, VALERIE, EMMA & JACOB BEAUDRY



Organization: La Chapelle Church

Personal Information: Jean-Philippe and Valerie Beaudry have two children, Emma and Jacob.

Mission: La Chapelle is a French speaking church network in Montreal, Canada that began in 2013 with 30 people. It has since grown to more than 1500 people attending three locations weekly. The most recent church plant from La Chapelle is in Quebec City where less than 1% of the population is evangelical Christian.

La Chapelle – Quebec launched in September 2021 and the Lord has already blessed this plant with a weekly attendance of more than 300 people. For more information, visit <https://lachapelle.me/quebec/>.

2022 Short-term Mission Trip: TBD – contact Buck Poole for more information.

La Chapelle churches multiply to share the Gospel in Québec and throughout the world

Hyderabad, India

MANISH, DIANA, KALA, KAM, KLOE & KATE BHAGAT



Organization: Oceans of Mercy SE Asia

Personal Information: Manish and his wife Diana have four children, Kala, Kam, Kloe and Kate.

Mission: Manish has planted twenty-two churches in India. His ministry focuses on discipling new believers through a Sunday School ministry and leadership training. He also operates a mercy ministry which provides assistance to families struggling financially and/or afflicted by HIV. The future goals of this ministry are to begin to plant churches and develop a house church network in other countries.

2022 Short-term Mission Trip: TBD – contact Harlan Taylor (harlan.taylor@aol.com) or Buck Poole for more information.

REACHING OUT TO
THE SOUTH EAST
ASIA REGION TO
EFFECTIVELY
COMMUNICATE
THE LOVE OF
JESUS CHRIST

Reghin, Romania

ATTILA, ADEL, KALEB & DANIEL TOTH



Organization: Teleios Ministry

Personal Information: Attila and Adel Toth have two boys, Kaleb and Daniel.

Mission: Pastor Attila serves the Roma gypsy people in and around Reghin, Romania. His ministry includes pastoring six church plants as well as operating an orphanage, an afterschool program where students and adults are tutored in reading, writing and basic life skills, and a food bank. He also is in the process of opening a home for women rescued from trafficking. In order to aid in funding these various ministries and supporting the people in the community, Pastor Attila has begun to operate a farm and a second-hand shop.

2022 Short-term Mission Trip: TBD – contact Jeremy Cole (jeremyc.jc@gmail.com) or Buck Poole for more information.

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THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION; OLD THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, ALL THINGS HAVE BECOME NEW.”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Alta Verapaz, Guatemala

GEOFFREY, JENNA, MARY CHARIS & ARIANA HAYNES



Organization: Mision Vida Nueva

Personal Information: Jenna and Geoffrey Haynes have two daughters, Mary Charis and Ariana.

Mission: Mision Vida Nueva was founded to serve the Lord through serving orphans. It operates Casa Gloria as a home to children and babies who have been orphaned, abandoned or abused.

This organization's mission is to take in the ones who are least likely to succeed in life and give them a purpose, a family, and a new life. Mision Vida Nueva continues to be driven by the belief that the Lord Jesus Christ is worthy of the worship of all people, and that all people, including the poorest of the poor and the orphans of Guatemala, should have the opportunity to know and worship Him. For more information, visit <http://misionvidanueva.info/>.

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2022 Short-term Mission Trip: March 25-April 2 – contact Tait Windham (twindham@crosspointchurch.info) or Buck Poole for more information.