



A Message From the SCBC SEND Team

Looking for an opportunity to equip your people to mobilize for mission service? With limited opportunities currently for people to go on mission trips, now is the perfect time to invest in training and equipping people to be ready to go when those opportunities open up.



As such, I want to encourage you and your mission leaders to register and be a part of Missions College, a one-day training co-sponsored by the International Mission Board's East Asia Affinity and the South Carolina Baptist Convention. This training event is designed to help your church be ready to send and your people be ready to proclaim the gospel around the world. Equipping sessions are designed to help pastors and mission pastors advance their church as a sending church, to give tools and resources to mission trip leaders, and to encourage mission trip volunteers in how to prepare for mission service. In addition, there will be a dedicated track for people who may be sensing a call to longer term mission service – maybe as a vocational missionary, a Journeyman (2 years after college), or mission service during retirement years.

Missions College will happen at Columbia First Baptist Church, November 9 from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. Scroll down in this email to see more information. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to train and prepare your people for mission engagement.

Ken Owens, SCBC Send Team Leader

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Praises and Prayer Requests From Our South Carolina Missionaries

****Feel free to share and pray over these requests within your church or small group, but for the safety of our missionaries please do not forward or repost these requests on any form of social media****



Tim and Jody Cross doing refugee work in Upstate South Carolina are moving to Clemson to add international student outreach to their ministry! Pray also for Jody specifically as she was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and is

The Sieberhagens in Belgium praise God that their family's visas have been approved and they can continue doing

scheduled for a lumpectomy this Friday followed by 30 rounds of radiation – they are very hopeful because the cancer was caught so early, but be in fervent prayer for a safe surgery and fast healing.

***to stay updated on Jody's journey, you can check out her blog by [clicking here](#)*

M in Central Asia's friend Grace* made the decision to follow Jesus right before returning to her nearby home country! Pray for Grace as she grows in her faith and searches for a church. Pray also for M's friends Mary* and Esther* who have been reading Scripture together and have agreed to visit a fellowship with M and continue to learn.

(*names have been changed)

The Howards in Bulgaria ask for prayer over the believers in their country who have been receiving public shame for living out their faith. Pray for their perseverance, continued good leadership from the local pastors in their city, and for the salvation of many. Pray also for the Howards as they approach the end of their time overseas, that they would be faithful up to the day they leave.

The Pongpas have safely made it back into Thailand and are out of quarantine! They praise God for the opportunity to return to the village that they do the majority of their ministry. Pray for God to open up a new living space for them by the end of 2020 as their hearts' desire is to live in the village with the people, but currently there aren't any houses available there at the moment. Pray boldly for God to provide a pathway for them to live in the village long-term.

long-term ministry in Belgium. They ask for continued prayer over their church plant to reach many Belgians. Pray also for baby #2 due in March!

The Watsons in Germany's church just baptized four individuals – all of whom grew up in different cultures! The audience was filled with family members and friends who were Korean, Iranian, American, German, and many others. Scripture was read in 6 different languages. Pray for the nonbelievers in their baptism audience to have heard and be saved.

The M Family in Central Asia has finally received medical clearance for their whole family, but now are in a waiting period as their country of service is delaying visa processing. Pray for the M Family to have peace in the waiting and for their three boys as this goodbye period continues to be stretched out.

The C Family in Southeast Asia have just changed their country-of-service and ask for prayer over this new transition and for the continued ministry that their local partners are carrying on in the country they just left.

The M Family in East Asia praise God for the blessing of 20 years in overseas ministry, and ask for prayer over their bilingual church and for the start of reaching out to college students in their city this fall!

Missions Resource of the Week



"The Upstream Podcast was created to share our rich conversations about sending churches with the world. For anyone passionate about the overlap between God's church & God's mission, this podcast will be great food for thought."

[Check out the Upstream Collective Podcast today!](#)

Multi-Ethnic Church Highlight

Our multi-ethnic church highlight this month is focused on our Vietnamese churches and church plants across the State! Below are

various updates and prayer requests concerning the Vietnamese outreach and church planting efforts here in South Carolina:



From Pastor Dai Van Nguyen, Senior Pastor of Vietnamese Blessings Baptist in Greenville:

"Vietnamese Blessings Baptist Church in Greenville, SC has been worshiping through Zoom forums and Facebook during the pandemic. Since May 24, 2020, they started reopening the face-to-face Sunday worship service limited to 25 people, yet their ministry has continued to reach to many different areas in ministry. Their youth and young adult Zoom meetings on Wednesday has been actively reaching new comers and faith seekers among English speaking Vietnamese. Through the support, there were two new believers who have received Baptism in the last August. Sunday school continues to meet on Sunday mornings for both audiences via Zoom and face-to-face. They had their Bible Contest and Summer Bible Study Graduation last Sunday (09/10/2020). The outreach ministry supported the Vietnamese community from distance through some activities like spiritual devotion on Facebook, telephone calls, small group photography field trips. They commit to serve God among the Vietnamese community and hoping for the growth of God's kingdom to the Vietnamese in Columbia, SC."

Charlie Nguyen is a Vietnamese church planter in Columbia. These are his prayer requests for this vital Kingdom work:

"Dear churches in Columbia and of South Carolina, please pray for the Vietnamese church that is planned for Columbia. Please pray that the Corona virus will be controlled as God is still in control of this world. That the Vietnamese in Columbia, South Carolina will have place to worship the Lord our God. That many Vietnamese will accept Jesus Christ as their savior and be saved through this church. God bless you."

Ryan Dupree and Robbie McAlister work with multi-ethnic churches all across our state. Their prayer request on behalf of Vietnamese church planting work is:

"Please pray that a group of churches in Columbia will come and join the CMBA and SCBC in partnering with Pastor Charlie Nguyen in this Kingdom endeavor. Once Pastor Charlie is in Columbia and working, our Vietnamese Churches in Greenville will also partner with us in this work."

Missions College 2020



Missions College is a one-day equipping conference for pastors, missions pastors, mission team leaders, mission volunteers and those considering a call to missions.

Tracks will be led by veteran IMB East Asia missionaries, along with missions pastors from South Carolina. Their vast mission field experience and knowledge will provide quality training for mission leaders and participants who want to share the gospel across the globe..

Registrants will choose from one of the following tracks:

- **Pastor/Mission Pastor Track:** Topics include how to become a Sending Church, IMB Foundations included the Missionary Task, and updates from the mission field focused on IMB Asia.
- **Missions Team Leader Track:** Topics include recruiting for, leading and funding mission trips, planning and logistics, and safety and security.
- **Missions Team Member Track:** Topics include personal and spiritual preparation for missions, what you need to know to go on an overseas mission trip, and cross-cultural evangelism.
- **Mid/Long-Term Service Track:** Topics include what it means to be called to longer term service, what possible pathways/processes are, and how to pray and prepare well for that type of service.

Monday, November 9, 2020
 First Baptist Church, Columbia, SC
 1420 Sumter Student Center

[Register for Missions College Today!](#)

[For more information and the event schedule, click here.](#)

Receive Missionary Prayer Requests Weekly

PRAY52

Text SCGO (one word, no spaces) to 313131 to receive SC missionary prayer requests every Wednesday!

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Spotlight East Asian UPG

The PingDi Yao

Population: 1,610,000

Engaged, but not reached, with dispersed church planting activity

They are part of the Yao-Mien people cluster within the Southeast Asian Peoples affinity bloc. This people group is only found in China. Their primary language is Xiang Chinese. The primary religion practiced by the Pingdi Yao is ethnic religion. Ethnic religion is deeply rooted in a people's ethnic identity and conversion essentially equates to cultural assimilation. In the ancient past the Yao had a legend of a Creator god. The Yao claim, "Ages ago ... before we crossed the sea, we worshipped someone called Tin Zay, who lives in heaven and is a holy god." For centuries the Pingdi have lived and died without any knowledge of Christ and without a strong church in their midst.



- Pray that believers will reach them with the gospel, perhaps via the stories of Noah's flood and Abraham's encounter with the One High God
- Pray that Jesus will reveal Himself to them as the Great God who wants to flood them with His grace through Jesus
- Pray that Christian resources will be made available to these people
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give the Pingdi people teachable and understanding hearts
- Pray for a strong movement of the Holy Spirit that will bring entire Pingdi families into a rich experience of God's blessing