



DECEMBER 2018

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS



Each year the coming of the Christmas season brings with it a perfect opportunity for us to talk with people about Jesus. He is the reason for the season. And in America, those opportunities to evangelize and make disciples are incredibly abundant and readily available to us.

Yet, around the world, our international missionaries face challenges, obstacles, even barriers to the Gospel that they can only overcome through our prayers and our partnership. This Christmas season, as part of the IMB's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering campaign, we are praying every day for one week for different missionaries around the world.

Will you join me in making prayer and sacrificial giving for our missionaries a priority this week?

## Day 1 - Africa - The Larry Pepper Family



*From the IMB Web site:*

Larry Pepper was on a trajectory. He was a NASA flight surgeon who was good at his job, active in his church, involved as a dad-and possibly headed for space. It wouldn't be long before he ended up as a candidate finalist for a space mission. But God interrupted his plans. As Larry thought more and more about his life and its eternal significance, he felt God saying, "You've committed everything to me except your job." It soon became evident God was drawing him to walk away.

"I was beginning to see the world through God's eyes in terms of lostness," Larry said. "For me, that meant seeing if I could use my medical skills in a way that had more kingdom impact."

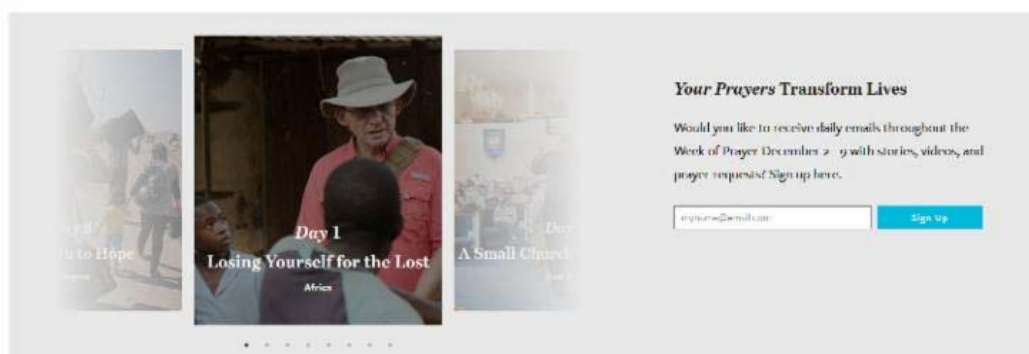
So more than two decades ago, he, his wife, Sally, and their three children packed up and moved to Africa-first to Uganda, then Lesotho and Tanzania. Over the years, the Peppers have spent countless hours at the bedside of the hurting, leading them to lasting hope in Christ.

"We have seen God's faithfulness throughout all of these years as we've worked here," Larry said. "It has been humbling and incredible to watch."

### Your Prayers Transform Lives

1. PRAY for Larry and Sally to maintain endurance in their medical ministry and have open doors to disciple the people they meet.
2. PRAY for God to call out more workers to leave the United States and serve among the unreached overseas. Pray for them to be sensitive to His leading and obedient to

the call.



For Days 2-7, you can join us praying for our missionaries in Southeast Asia, East Asia, Brazil, Ukraine, Tanzania, and for refugees. Click [here](#) or on the image above for the Web site.

- Mike

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LOTTIE MOON  
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## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 2018

### ***Every Church. Every Nation.***

It's more than a catch phrase. It's at the core of what we do. We believe every church-and every church member-has a critical role to play in bringing the gospel to the world. Your church's participation in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is a key part of that.

### ***Your Gifts Transform Lives***

Because you and your church give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, IMB missionaries can take the gospel to unreached peoples around the world. Every dollar you give makes a difference, because 100% of the money collected goes to the work of reaching every nation.

## ***The Story of Lottie Moon***

In the 1800s, a missionary named Lottie Moon wrote letters from China urging American churches to fund more overseas workers. After Lottie's death on the mission field, an offering was started in her name. The offering was established to empower international missions efforts for Southern Baptists.

The 2018 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$160M.

**GIVE NOW**

[Click here to Give](#)

### ***2018 Leader Guide***

The leader guide is designed to help you plan your church's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering experience. It contains plenty of ideas to help you get started playing your role in reaching every nation.

**DOWNLOAD**

[Download pdf guide](#)

### ***Order LMCO Resources***

Order a pastor's kit, posters, "Your Gifts at Work" booklet, and other resources for the 2018 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in the IMB store.

**ORDER RESOURCES**

[Order resources](#)

### ***Download LMCO Resources***

Find and download all of the videos, logos, social media tools, images, and other resources you'll need to support the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year.

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## **JANUARY EVENTS**





## Community Outreach Evangelism Training

Join us for a great training presented by Every Home for Christ. Learn how your church and its members can use the free Encounter Outreach app to systematically reach out to any neighborhood with prayer, care, and ultimately sharing of the gospel.

**Monday, January 14, 2019** in one of two locations

- **BRANDON**
- Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Brandon, location to be announced soon
  
- **TAMPA**
- Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- TBBA Offices, 1060 W Busch Blvd, Tampa FL 33612

Call Jan for more info and to RSVP [jjones@tbba.org](mailto:jjones@tbba.org) or (813) 935-3839



### Thank you LifeWay for Sponsoring our Pastors & Wives Date Night!

Reserve your spot now for a free dinner date at the Holiday Inn North (3535 Ulmerton Rd. Clearwater, just 2 miles west of the exit off the Howard Frankland Bridge).

- Thursday, January 31
- 6:30pm-8:30pm,
- Approximately \$300 worth of free gifts/couple



- Childcare reimbursement provided

(space is limited)

RSVP to Jan at [jjones@tbba.org](mailto:jjones@tbba.org) or 813-935-3839

## SAVE THE DATE



### Executive Committee Meeting

Save the date for our next Executive Committee meeting Monday, February 11, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the TBBA; free lunch.

RSVP with Jan [jjones@tbba.org](mailto:jjones@tbba.org) or 813-935-3839



### National Day of Renewal, Pastors Summit

Don't miss this one-day conference with Daniel Henderson and Pastor Paul Purvis in Temple

Terrace.

- Wednesday, February 20, 2019
- Mission Hill Church, 10002 N 56th St, Temple Terrace, 33617
- all day event

Every genuine minister wants to be more equipped in the work of ministry. However, we can far too easily turn to methods that directly undermine the nature of this spiritual work. After following Jesus and observing his life, the disciples understood the real source of His ministry. This is why their only request in ministry equipping was simply, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1).

The Day of Renewal Regional Events are designed to inspire and equip you in building a supernaturally empowered ministry. This is a great opportunity for your entire leadership team to find practical tools and a fresh vision for a ministry powered by prayer.

Most importantly, you will get to see these principles in action. All our Day of Renewal events feature local churches and pastors that have seen exceptional growth and impact in the area of prayer. Contrary to some conferences, you will hear from local church pastors who are modeling what they are teaching, and will give you practical insight to help you succeed in your ministry context.

We are excited to partner with Pastor Paul Purvis and Mission Hill Church for this one day gathering. This experience will conclude with Mission Hill's weekly church-wide prayer meeting, providing you with first hand experience of what a vibrant culture of prayer could look like in your setting.

Register by clicking on [www.strategicrenewal.com](http://www.strategicrenewal.com)  
Then click on "Register"



Sharper One-Day Conference at Bell Shoals  
February 28, 2019  
(Includes Preaching Breakouts with Dr. Stephen Rummage)

Staying honed and always ready to be used by God can be difficult as the challenges of the day pull you in multiple directions. The dullness takes its toll - forcing us to work harder to maintain the same level of effectiveness as we minister to our congregation and our staff.

Together we can pull back the curtain and gain insight and fresh perspectives from each other. And be encouraged to keep getting better at evangelism, discipleship, prayer, preaching, teaching, leadership...church multiplication, small groups and other critical issues.

Be renewed, be equipped, be challenged to remain Sharper!

We are blessed to have the Florida Baptist Convention bringing another super day of encouragement for our churches to Bell Shoals with Dr. Stephen Rummage.

Full Details coming soon.

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Church Planter Christmas Party



At our Church Planter Family Christmas party we enjoyed having Darin and Deborah Saley guide us towards better understanding and love in our marriages. Over 40 adults and children attended. A special "Thank You" to our hosts at Christ Fellowship, the catering team from Four Rivers, and the generous givers through the TBBA and the Tampa Bay Baptist Foundation.

### Pastors and Wives Christmas Dinner

Thank you Paul & Sharon Puleo and family for once again making such a special evening for our pastors and wives on Monday, December 3, 2018. We had around 100 of our folks come out to the Puleo Farm for our Annual Christmas Party, and we were all blessed to be able to celebrate and pray together for so many of the needs and blessings in our lives. It was a wonderful night to remind us of Christ and the family that we are in Him. Looking forward already to being together again next year.



## COMMUNITY & MINISTRY

Exciting Central Tampa Baptist Church

- Exciting Central Tampa is seeking a full time Pastor/Minister of Worship. Ministry qualifications



and responsibilities can be obtained on their website :

<http://site.centaltampa.org/career-search>

CONTACT or send resume to:

Minister Zeb McKinon

[central@centaltampa.org](mailto:central@centaltampa.org)

813-226-2923

#### Idlewild Espanol

- Idlewild Espanol is in need of a part-time Worship leader. Contact Pastor Eloy Rodriquez for more information at [erodriquez@idlewild.org](mailto:erodriquez@idlewild.org).

#### Manhattan Baptist

- Manhattan Baptist Church is looking for a part time Worship leader; 10 to 15 hours per week. This is a paid position. If interested, please send resume to [pastorjohn@manhattanbaptist.org](mailto:pastorjohn@manhattanbaptist.org).

#### Seafarers Center - Tampa Port Ministries

- Volunteers needed - They are essential to their mission. Consider being part of a great outreach to people from all over the world. Ministry needs: Van Driver: 6pm to 9pm any evening Monday - Friday and/or 9am to 3pm Saturdays. Provide transportation for crew members from the ship to the Seafarers Center or to local shopping venues. Requirements: Drivers license with clean DMV record, Port pass and TWIC card (provided by Ministry) Contact Steve Finnesy at [stevefinnesy@gmail.com](mailto:stevefinnesy@gmail.com) for more information.

#### Sheldon Road Baptist Church

- Sheldon Road Baptist Church is seeking a part time Worship leader. This is an immediate need and the following are the qualifications for this position.
  - Doesn't have to be a member of Sheldon Road
  - Would be leading congregational music and leading the choir.
  - Choir meets each Sunday after the service for practice.
  - Would like to have someone lead in music on Sunday evenings, but this is negotiable.

If interested, please contact Pastor Nunez at [revmnunes@yahoo.com](mailto:revmnunes@yahoo.com).

#### Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center

- Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center - Searching for an operations assistant working Tuesday and Thursday, 8-noon; Saturday 8am-5pm. Starting at \$8.50 an hour.
- Also seeking part-time food service coordinator - Hours would be 9am-2pm Monday-Friday. Duties are preparing staff lunch; maintaining the cleanliness of the kitchen, dining hall, and dining hall restrooms; inventory control of walk-in cooler, freezer, and pantry; cleaning motel rooms and other meeting spaces as needed. Contact Eric or Sandra at (813)961-1059 for

either one of these positions.



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