

# Missionary Volunteer Program



Oct 2025

Dear Friends,

We returned from Italy in October and four days later we traveled to Omaha, Nebraska for a Mission's Conference at Midwestern Baptist Church.

We arrived on a Wednesday with an invitation to preach and share our ministry at Liberty Baptist Church in the next town over. Pastor John McQueen was just a child back when we knew him when we were stationed there and attended Midwestern in the 1980's and 1990's.

We were well-received, and we had a very sweet time of fellowship. We enjoyed meeting several of the McQueen family that night as well as the kind folks at Liberty.

We had the best time visiting everyone at Midwestern as well as the other visiting missionaries.

There's always something special about being at a church where there's a great spirit of love and unity. The church took great care of us missionaries, we felt very blessed and loved!

Someone different preached each day, Wednesday to Friday, and on Sunday one preacher brought the morning messages, and I brought the evening, closing message. Joanie was blessed to perform a sign-language special right before I preached and they enjoyed it so much, the pastor asked her to perform it again at the very end of the evening service! The Lord did a great work in weaving all the different messages together in a way to challenge and encourage the church.

Besides the good fellowship at church, the schedule allowed us missionaries to spend time with each other at the hotel, at mealtime, and with the pastor, his wife and the Missions' director.

There was a wonderful fellowship at Pastor Bentley's house on Saturday, with several church families. The food was fantastic, we had great conversations, and a game of cornhole (with the beanbags) for the record books! I'm not sure how they did it, but I am certain that the boards were "rigged" somehow as my team battled long and hard... but ended up losing in the end! Haha!

We made it back to Florida just in time for our home church's annual "Old Fashioned" Sunday.

Joanie was home with a bad cough, but I was able to transform into "JR Rocket-Feller, Real Estate Magnet" (mis-spelling intended!), winning 1<sup>st</sup> place ! It was lots of fun to dress-up, cut-up, and get fill-up at the church potluck between services!

Joanie and I took care of a few medical appointments this month in preparation for her to have a hip-replacement surgery in the early part of next year. She was able to get a cortisone injection for the pain in her right hip. Please pray that everything necessary will be accomplished for her to have surgery in the Feb-Mar timeframe of 2026.

We flew to Indiana to visit our (grandkids!) younger son's family. We love the special days and hours that we had together. The weather was in the 40's an 50's most days, so to us, winter had already started!

We enjoyed our visit to LifePoint Baptist Church who has a new pastor since our visit last year. I had a great time preaching for them Sunday p.m. and getting to know the pastor, his family, and several new members.

We enjoyed going to church with our son, his wife, and our grandchildren at Valley Baptist Church. It's quite special to us to be able to go to church with family. We also visited another good Baptist church in the area, Emmanuel Baptist in Valparaiso, Indiana. Pastor Allen was kind to allow us to greet the church and show our ministry video as well.

Please pray for the folks in the Philippines as they've had a very damaging typhoon hit their area. We know several churches, pastors and friend who have been hard-hit and many of them will have to start-over with the great losses they've experienced.

For a Greater Harvest,

*Darrell & Joanie Bolton*



The madman of Gadera about to break his chains!



At Liberty Baptist with Pastor McQueen, some family members, and the Wilsons.



Sunday evening at Midwestern Baptist



With the Bentleys and other missionaries



The Great Cornhole Battle!