

# Missionary Volunteer Program



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Dear Ministry Partners,

We hope April has brought you beautiful, blooming and sunny days as we say “farewell” to winter.

This month I was blessed to attend a Florida Mens’ Advance conference, in Tampa, FL, with my pastor and other men from our church. It was a great meeting, challenging us to be the faithful, spiritual leaders that the Lord would have us to be. They addressed sin, and hidden sin in our lives, which is always a relevant topic in today’s world.

In order for us to serve in Thailand later this year the Consulate’s office requires a “stack” of specific documents and declarations. We’re thankful that Riverside Baptist Church (FL) was able to run a federal background check on Joanie and me (I was a little worried about what they might find on Joanie’s record—LOL!), providing one of our needed reports.

The Lord opened the door for me to preach two chapel messages at a nearby Christian school. I thoroughly enjoyed speaking to the high school kids, and elementary school kids over two weeks. We recognize the importance of their interest and faith in the Lord reaching their little hearts at a young age. Many of the kids only hear about the Lord at their school, as their families are not taking them to church.

Our special shipment of Bibles and materials to the Philippines is finally on its way! We love shipping Bibles to churches that will put them in the hands of others. The eternal, inspired Word of God! What an honor for us.



The last week of the month we embarked on a two-week road trip. We visited a church for the first time; Faith Baptist in Roanoke, Alabama. We presented our ministry, Joanie performed a wonderful sign-language song, and we visited our relocated-from-Florida friends, the Stowers. We had a great time and look forward to returning.

Next, we stayed one night in Chattanooga to meet the director of their online Bible Institute program, and receive my degree in theology. The Lord’s been good to provide a flexible, online program that I was able to use, even as we were in several overseas locations over the past two years. We also visited BIMi headquarters and were happy to meet several of their staff.



From there, we visited Fair Havens Independent Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Pastor and Sherrie Goforth are our sweet friends.

Since March, they have a new a new Assistant Pastor, Bro Mike Barber ,who just graduated with his Masters Degree from Crown College. Mike, his wife Megan, and their kids, are from our home church in Port St. John, Florida. We're excited for them to serve the Lord in Tennessee.

Pastor Goforth had me preach for him while we were there. I enjoyed bringing the message "We Have the Victory."



Joanie was thrilled to be the guest speaker at Life Point Baptist Church in Indiana. They had a Mother-Daughters' Banquet, and among the attendees were our daughter-in-law and granddaughter!

Prayer Requests:

- As mentioned in a previous email, we ask you to continue in prayer for the Lord to lead us, and the requesting missionary, about the opportunity to pulpit-fill in Croatia in 2023 from mid-January to mid-April. We'll have just returned from Thailand on Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, and, we're scheduled to depart for Guam at the end of April 2023 until September 2023... This could be one very-busy year of ministry for MVP Missions.

- Pray that we are both strong and healthy, that no needed surgeries or medical appointments will inhibit our ability to serve and travel in the upcoming months.

Remember, "We have the victory!"

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? PSA 27:1

We consider your prayer priceless.

Thank you!

*--For a Greater Harvest,*

*Darrell & Joanie Bolton*