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What is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering?

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way Southern Baptists fund missions in North America. One hundred percent of gifts given to AAEO go to the field to support more than 3,000 missionary families serving across the United States and Canada.

How do your gifts make a difference?

Gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering are used to train and resource missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries. Gifts are also used to create evangelism resources. New churches are being planted, hurts are being healed, and lives are being transformed by the gospel because you give.

The Mission Field

The North American Mission Board serves a diverse and complex region comprised of the United States, Canada, and their territories.

- **Population:** 386 million
- **Languages:** 350
- **Estimated Lost:** 286 million
- **Unreached People Groups:** 161

PRAY... The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is Mar. 2-9.

GIVE... The national goal for the 2025 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is \$78,000,000. Our church goal is \$24,000.

2024 Missions Offerings

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

for North American Missions

Church Offering: \$24,126

Mother's Day Offering

for TN Baptist Children's Homes

Church Offering: \$6,720.71

Father's Day Offering

for TN Baptist Adult Homes

Church Offering: \$6,405.70

Global Hunger Relief

Church Offering: \$3,999.70

Golden Offering for

Tennessee Missions

Church Offering: \$11,000

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

for International Missions

Church Offering: \$60,000

MISSIONS PROJECTS

ONGOING

Begin Anew

Dodson Elementary

English as a Second Language

International Leadership Coalition

Pregnancy Care Center

Rescue 1 Global

Rest Stop Ministries

Romanian Pastor Sponsorship

The Next Door Recovery

White House TN Bapt. Adult Home

For more information about TGBC's missions projects, contact our church office.



Dodson's Good News Club



TGBC SS classes donate nutritious snacks for Dodson's Good News Club



Women on Mission Daughters of the King provided snacks for Dodson's teacher's lounge

Dodson Elementary

By Nancy Andrews

Good things are happening at our Good News Club at Dodson Elementary. In the two weeks before Christmas, our club attendance doubled in size! We have about 20 regular attendees in our club. The children love to sing the songs and listen to the Bible stories. Each week the children hear a clear presentation of the gospel. We also have an opportunity to speak with the families each week as they wait in the car line to pick up their student after club dismissal. A couple of families have indicated they would like to visit our church, so please be in prayer for that!

Sunday school classes are actively involved in our ministry. Several are praying regularly for our club. The **Pillow Class** is now donating healthy nutritious snacks for the children, and it has made an amazing difference in behavior. We are seeing the children able to sit and listen to the story without all the excess energy. In addition, the **Cantrell Class** is donating items to go on the Woot Woot Cart each month. The Woot Woot Cart is a behavior incentive. The children earn points for positive behavior and can then "spend" the points on a variety of incentives. These may include bringing a favorite stuffed animal to school, wearing socks all day, having lunch in a special "diner", or picking a favorite snack from the Woot Woot Cart. Our **WOM Daughters of the King** recently collected snacks for the teachers' lounge to show our support for all they do.

We are partnering with **United4Hope**, a ministry of Operation Andrew, which started after the 2000 Billy Graham Crusade came to Nashville. United4Hope is seeking to partner churches with each school within MNPS and is strongly supported by district school administration. This is a vital mission field, as we have learned that there are currently 146 languages spoken within MNPS schools. At Dodson alone, there are 13 languages spoken. Because of our long partnership with Dodson, we have been asked to join in this effort to help other churches who are beginning school partnerships. We have access to many training and educational opportunities on how to best connect with and serve these students.

For more information about how you can serve at Dodson, please contact Nancy Andrews or Pastor Eric.

Pregnancy Care Center

By Desha Hearn

The Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) empowers individuals to make life-affirming decisions through education, medical services, counseling, and compassionate care based on the ministry of Jesus Christ.

2024 Statistics

- Touched the lives of 823 women, men, and babies through 3,420 visits
- Celebrated the birth of 117 babies
- Provided 247 ultrasounds allowing parents to see and connect with their unborn child.
- Empowered parents through 2,163 Parent Support Lessons
- Reached 927 students through 145 Healthy Relationships presentations in 5 schools.

Behind every statistic we share is a unique individual—a mother who found courage, a father who embraced his role, and a baby born into love—all because someone like you believed in this mission.

As we look to the future, the need for compassionate, Christ-centered care is growing. Every day, more women and men turn to us for hope and guidance. In 2024, we experienced a 44% increase in visits.

We are excited to announce that in 2025 will be actively expanding the scope and scale of our ministry by adding ultrasound services to our Old Hickory location!! We also recognize the need for a larger facility. Please join us in prayer as we seek the Lord's wisdom, timing, and direction as we continue to grow.

Let's Learn English Together

By Carmen McCreary

We are incredibly blessed to have eight dedicated teachers offering 10 classes, serving 120 students from 17 different countries. Among them, our students speak eight languages, including challenging ones like Arabic, Turkish, and Japanese. These numbers may not seem significant on paper, but when you walk through the halls beneath the sanctuary on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday nights, you'll witness a multicultural family of English learners laughing, talking, and connecting within our church.

Some parents have reached out, expressing a desire for their children to be part of our youth and children's programming. One Muslim student pointed at the youth pictures in Room 107 and said, *"I want my son in these pictures. When can he come?"*

These are difficult times politically, especially for our undocumented students. While we may hold different views on national policies, we are united in our call to love our neighbors and share the Gospel. If you have a heart for missions, this is a meaningful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ, even in challenging circumstances.

Additionally, we are launching an **ESL Workshop** to equip our current teachers and anyone interested in teaching English as a Second Language. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Carmen or visit www.esltulipgrove.org/volunteer for more opportunities.



Level Intro, Level 1, Level 1 Review



Level Intro Part II and Level 1 Part II



Level 2, 3, and 4

New Hope Association Romanian Ministry

By Benjamin Teodosiu

At the beginning of December 2024, we had only half of the amount required to fulfill our mission projects. This has never happened before. After we talked to God about this situation, two brothers from our church donated to our mission more than enough. **Thank God we were able to send our support to six Romanian pastors, several families in need, several sick people, handicapped orphans at an orphanage, and for a small church building repair and remodeling (almost \$3600).**



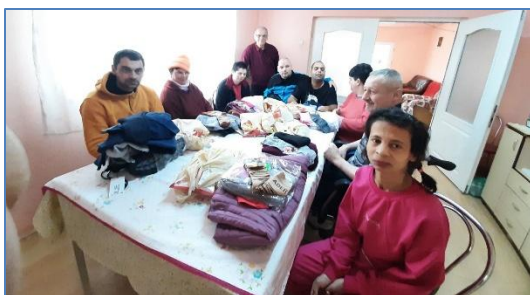
In the Village of Ponorel over a hundred unbelievers attended the local church service on the special occasion of evangelizing at a funeral.



A church at the village of Sacel with a small sanctuary has increased the space and installed a new floor.



Romanian Bibles have been provided for people in need.



A group of handicapped orphans received clothes and shoes for the beginning of the winter.



A spiritually hungry man asked a pastor to help him understand God's plan of salvation. They had about 2 hours of conversation.



Dan and Joy Wilson, Pastor Chase and Sarah Sears, Dana and Ryan Powell

Vision Trip to Paris

By Pastor Chase

This January, Pastor Chase and Sarah Sears along with TGBC's Missions Ministry Team Chairperson, Dan Wilson, and his wife Joy embarked on a Vision Trip to Paris—a journey not just of miles, but of faith, encouragement, and support. Our purpose was clear: to refresh and uplift international missionaries Ryan and Dana Powell and their family who are seeking to plant a new local church in the suburbs of Paris, France, learn about their mission field, and seek out how we as a church might be able to support their ministry for years to come.

Refreshing the Powells

Ministry work can be both rewarding and exhausting, so one of our key goals was to bring a sense of refreshment to the Powells. Each morning, we made breakfast runs to the local bakery, savoring baguettes, cheese, and pastries. We embraced the warmth of French hospitality and took time to discuss the joys and challenges of ministry in a foreign land. Even sharing a simple meal—like a bowl of ramen in Paris—became an opportunity to encourage Ryan and Dana.

Learning about their Mission Field

Our time in Paris was an eye-opening experience. We visited a coffee and tea shop owned by a couple the Powells are witnessing to, learning how they build relationships with unbelievers through everyday interactions. We saw firsthand how English classes, hospitality, and friendships open doors for gospel conversations. Also, by worshipping alongside brothers and sisters from around the world, we experienced the beauty of an international church and the unity we have in Christ.

Supporting the Mission

Support goes beyond just words—it involves prayer, relationships, and giving. We prayed over the Powells and for the exciting work ahead. A significant milestone is on the horizon: the soft launch of Cornerstone International Church on May 18, with a hard launch planned for September. We ask for your prayers as they disciple believers, establish their church covenant, and reach out to their community through their website, flyers, and outreach efforts.

Additionally, we lift up Josh and Mollie Gervacio, who will be moving to Paris in April to join the Powells in ministry. Pray for their language classes, cultural adjustments, and the many details involved in settling into a new country.

Join in Prayer

Our trip may have been brief, but our partnership with the Powells is just beginning. We invite our church family to partner with them through prayer and support. Let us be faithful in uplifting our fellow workers in Christ so that, together, we may be fellow workers for the truth.

To learn more about how you can support the Powells, please visit <https://rtim.org/about-us/our-staff/ryan-and-dana-powell/>.



Sharing a meal and discussing the joys and challenges of ministry in a foreign land



Building relationships with unbelievers through everyday interactions opens doors for gospel conversations.



Experiencing the beauty of an international church and the unity we have in Christ

Craft Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

Our Craft Ministry did not meet during the month of December due to it being so close to the holidays, but when January came, we had a **TREMENDOUS** turnout of treasures. We welcomed Ashley and Brooklyn during January as they learned how to make hats on the loom thanks to the great teaching of Phyllis. Pam Reasonover along with Pam and Brittany from White House worked diligently making colorful jump ropes for our **Operation Christmas Child** Shoebox Ministry which takes place every November/December. Our Veterans Administration contact was surprised at the three large boxes plus several large bags of items she picked up from us to deliver to the **Veterans and Newborns in Need** at various hospitals all around Tennessee.

Please join us each third Monday of the month from 10am-2pm in Room 223 to learn how to crochet, knit, loom, etc. **Thanks to our resident teacher, Debi Frankovich, for her crocheting and knitting instruction at our meetings.** Pam Reasonover, Renee Mathis, and Connie Howard work on **making cards for various ministries** and will be glad to teach you.

We invite you to join us and learn. As you can see, we have a hard-working group that loves to use their talents to **SERVE THE LORD! THANKS LADIES!**

***YOUR TALENT IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU...
WHAT YOU DO WITH IT IS YOUR GIFT BACK TO GOD!***

Homebound Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

We appreciate all the hard work our Homebound Team does keeping up with our homebound members. Our team sends cards, makes visits, and makes calls during each quarter. Our January meeting allowed us to give an update on each of our homebound members and pick up cards and stamps for the next quarter. Thanks team for all your hard work!

If you would like to help with our Homebound Ministry, please contact Charlotte at charlotte63051@gmail.com.

"If anyone ministers, let him do so with the strength God provides, so that in ALL things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen." I Peter 4:11

White House TN Baptist Adult Home

Women on Mission continue our ongoing missions projects with **White House TN Baptist Adult Home** in Lebanon. The ladies love our monthly Lunch & Games with them the fourth Monday each month and love the time we spend with them. They were so grateful for our Christmas Party for them in December! Watch the announcements for summer projects in June and July.

**WHITE HOUSE
TN Baptist Adult Home
LUNCH & GAMES
11am - 12:30pm**

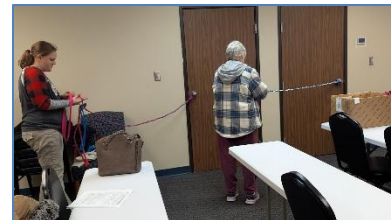
Monday, Feb. 24 - Monday, Mar. 24 - Monday, Apr. 28



SO many craft items were made in December and brought in January!

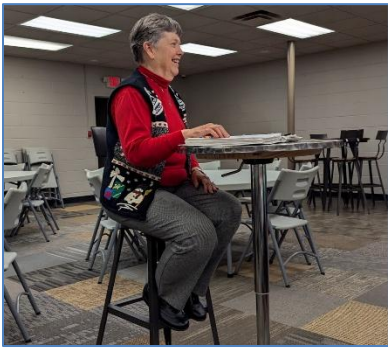


Phyllis teaching Ashley and Brooklyn how to loom knit



Pam learned how to braid so that both she and Brittany can braid jump ropes!





TGBC's Carolyn Riley shared about being parents of IMB Missionaries Rob and Pam Riley.



Former TGBC member Candi Cook Boudreau shared about Trinity Hope Haitian Feeding Program.



WoM Sisters and several TGBC youth provided a Valentine's Party for the children at Begin Anew Madison.



Pray for our 14 WoM attending the Missions Get-Together Conference.



WoM listening intently to ideas for sharing the gospel



Karla Chandler provided an amazing portrayal of Corrie Ten Boom!



Jenny Runyon from United4Hope

Women on Mission Sisters

By Renee Mathis

Our evening WoM Sisters group continues to support missions organizations both near and far. In December, we focused on our international missions emphasis and learned from TGBC member Carolyn Riley what it is like to be the parent of **IMB missionaries** while her son and his family served as missionaries for several years overseas. In January, Candi Boudreau shared how a local ministry, **Trinity Hope Haitian Feeding Program**, feeds over 60,000 students physically and spiritually each day in 240+ Christian schools in Haiti. In February, several of our TGBC youth helped WoM Sisters provide a Valentine's Party to the children in childcare at **Begin Anew Madison**, a local ministry that provides education and spiritual mentoring to adults in poverty to help them get better jobs to support their families.

At our March 4 meeting, TGBC member **Lydia Teodosiu** will share her testimony about being a Romanian refugee when she and her family fled religious persecution and how she and her husband Ben started **Good Hope Association** ministry to support Romanian pastors. Our mission project will be taking an offering for that ministry.

Our April meeting will be a 'field trip' to **Rest Stop Ministries**, a local residential ministry for human trafficking survivors, SATURDAY, APR. 26, 10AM-NOON to do several spring cleaning and organizing mission projects. This was a very rewarding project to everyone involved last year, and our youth girls ages 16+ are welcome and encouraged to join us. It was very beneficial to have some younger hands and feet to help with these projects!

Our May 6 meeting is our **end-of-church-year meeting** at Five Oaks Golf & CC to celebrate everything we have learned and done since last August, talk about summer projects, and look forward with ideas for this fall when we resume our monthly meetings in September.

Women on Mission is for all women 18 and up. Join us the first Tuesday each month 6:30-8 pm as WoM Sisters create multigenerational bonds where doing life together for His kingdom is our desire as we live out His mission!

Women on Mission Daughters of the King

By Charlotte Maynard

Our wonderful Daughters of the King meet every second Monday of the month in the Youth Basement at 10am. Our attendance has been running around 30 each month, and all our ladies are busy with missions on their mind. During the month of December, we focused on ways to share the gospel with others. A special thanks to Jeanne Foutch, Linda Wolden, Debbie Frankovich, and Charlotte Maynard for sharing some great ideas on how to share the gospel with people with whom you come in contact.

In January we had a wonderful **presentation of the life of Corrie Ten Boom** by Karla Chandler. We were overwhelmed with all the information she incorporated into her portrayal of Corrie. As Renee said later, it was like a reincarnation of the **real Corrie Ten Boom**.

Our ladies through our contributions each month have been **providing snacks for the ESL program at Tulip Grove**. We are excited about being a blessing to this ministry!

Jenny Runyon from United4Hope and Operation Andrew shared with us during the month of February. Lots of churches are partnering with schools all over Metro Nashville and are helping out in several ways not only by helping the students but teachers and staff as well.

Each month we have a speaker along with a project and then a DELICIOUS fellowship luncheon. Our ladies are EXCELLENT COOKS! We would love to have you join us for some GREAT fellowship and learn more about being on mission for the Lord!

Mission Friends

By Connie Howard

Mission Friends took a break from learning about missionaries in December to learn about why we have missionaries. We learned about Jesus's birth and the visits of the shepherds and the wisemen.

During the cold month of January we learned about the David Gaskins family that serve in **Provo, Utah** as a church planter. One of his sons Theo's birthday was in early February, so we made him birthday cards!

In February we learned about Leah Kennedy who grew up as a Missionary Kid while her parents were serving in **Brazil**. We made spiders because Leah saw lots of spiders when she was a child!

In March we will study about Dylan and Autumn in **Montreal, Canada**. We will learn about **Fire Chaplains** with missionary Will Murphy in April. We will close out our year in May learning about **Southeast Asia** and missionaries Adam and Millie Johnson.

Mission Friends learned about the birth of Jesus...



... made birthday cards for a missionary in Utah...



...and learned about a Missionary Kid in Brazil.



Girls in Action (GA) and Royal Ambassadors (RA)

By Donna Davis and the GA-RA Team

During the past three months GAs and RAs have been busy studying about **South America, Scandinavia, and Provo, Utah**. We have learned how missionaries are planting churches in places where Christians are not especially welcomed. We learned that in Provo, Utah, Christians are certainly a minority, and they are working to bring the people of Utah away from Mormonism to believe in our Lord Jesus Christ.

January 29, The GAs and RAs gathered together for the **International Mission Study on Central Asia**. We tasted foods from Central Asia, did a Bible Study, learned about the missionaries in the area, and lots of facts about Central Asia. Our mission project was collecting change for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our children gave \$104 toward our church goal.

Missionary Update

By Donna Davis

As the GAs and RAs began our study of Missionary Kids in February, we contacted the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board for some names of missionary kids that we could contact and build a relationship with.

Justin and Mandy Smith are the missionaries we were given, and they have three children. As we continued to email and try to determine a way to introduce them to our RAs and GAs, a very exciting thing happened. **Mandy Smith had attended Tulip Grove Baptist Church during her high school years.** She was a twin, and their maiden name was Mandy and Stacia Haley. She had done FAITH visits with our youth minister at that time, Alec Cort, and also a mission trip to Chicago. **Her time at Tulip Grove was instrumental in her decision to go into ministry.** God certainly does work in mysterious ways! We have received a video from the Smith Family that you can watch on the TV in TGBC's Missions Display Area. We will also be sending a video from our group to them.

Above photos are all from our GA-RA International Mission Study on Central Asia in January.



IMB Missionary Mandy Smith attended TGBC in high school and now serves with her husband Justin and their family in Thailand.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024-2025 Missions Leadership

Senior Pastor:

Dr. Chase Sears

WMU Coordinator, WoM Sisters, Missions Newsletter Editor:

Renee Mathis

WoM Daughters of the King:

Charlotte Maynard

Mission Friends:

Linda Sharp

Girls in Action:

Donna Davis

Royal Ambassadors:

Eric Boswell

Youth on Mission:

Brian Joines

Mike Westveer

Missions Ministry Team:

Dan Wilson

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2-9	Week of Prayer for N Amer Missions	Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
4	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30–8pm, Youth Basement
10	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10am, Youth Basement
17	Craft Ministry	10am–2pm, Room 223
24	White House TBAH Lunch & Bingo	11am-12:30pm, WH TBAH Lebanon
<i>Apr</i>		
4-5	Missions Get-Together Conference	1 st Baptist Dickson TN
14	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10am, Youth Basement
21	Craft Ministry	10am–2pm, Room 223
26	WoM Sisters RSM Missions Project	10am-Noon, Rest Stop Ministries
28	White House Lunch & Bingo	11am-12:30pm, WH TBAH Lebanon
<i>May</i>		
6	WoM Sisters Meeting	6–8 pm, Five Oaks Golf & CC
12	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10 am, Youth Basement
19	Craft Ministry	10 am–2 pm, Room 223

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