

Meet Your Missionaries!

International Mission Board (IMB):

Lee Bradley – Lee serves as the Director of the Albanian Bible Institute in Durres, Albania. He invests his life in the lives of young Albanian adults who are serving the Lord in local churches. The Bible Institute equips them with knowledge and skills for Bible teaching and preaching. You can learn more by visiting their website at www.albanianbibleinstitute.com . Lee has served in Albania for the past 18 years. He is a native of Anniston, Alabama.

Gary and Judy* - Gary and Judy have served 32 years in 3 countries in East Africa and 4 countries of the Middle East. They have most recently returned from the Arabian Peninsula where they served for 14 years. There Gary served in the role of logistics coordinator for IMB work in the countries of the Arabian Peninsula. Judy served as medical coordinator with a broader service base, including many countries of Northern Africa and the Middle East outside of the Arabian Peninsula. (*Last name withheld for security purposes.)

Alan Woody – Alan is IMB missionary to the Bajio region of Mexico. Also known as “the heart of darkness,” the Bajio is a band of 7 states located in central Mexico with an evangelical Christian population of only about 2.6 to 4.1 percent. With a diminishing IMB workforce in Mexico, there is an urgency to reach this area of great need with a new strategy. Alan is seeking Southern Baptist churches or associations willing to partner strategically with a Mexican national church or Mexican national missionary carrying the Gospel and planting churches in high priority areas in the Bajio.

North American Mission Board (NAMB):

Bill Barker – Bill serves as a National Missionary to a 12 state region known as Appalachia. He also supervises the work of the Mississippi River Ministry, another NAMB ministry. Appalachian Regional Ministry (ARM) is an intentional missions response to the spiritual and physical needs of persons living in the Appalachian region by mobilizing Southern Baptists to provide ministries, to evangelize the lost, to assist existing churches and to start new churches across a multi-state region. ARM provides multiple short-term volunteer mission opportunities in the Appalachian region (such as the “Christmas Backpacks for Appalachia” program). More information can be found at the website www.arministry.org . Bill is a native of Charleston, West Virginia, and has pastored churches in Georgia and Tennessee.

George and Cathy Chinn – George and Cathy serve as Mission Service Corps volunteers with NAMB. They are the Mobilization Missionaries for the Mississippi River Ministry, providing information about and facilitating involvement with ministries in 8 states along the Mississippi River: Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

George retired from a career in public education in Kentucky. Cathy retired from the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children and also served for 4 years as president of Kentucky WMU. They reside in Hartford, Kentucky.

Bennett Ekandem – Bennett and his wife Idong live in Clarkston, Georgia, where they are taking the Gospel to people of many different nations. They minister primarily to immigrants and refugees from Africa, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, and South America through Evangelism and Outreach activities, Bible studies, Women’s Ministry, Ministry to Widows and Orphans, and Music Ministry. You can learn more about their ministry from the website, www.missionone8.org.

Diane Smith – Diane came to know the Lord at the age of 50, and was called to the mission field at age 60. She serves in Anniston, Alabama, reaching out to lost women that live in government housing projects, and with the homeless. She works in coordination with the local Baptist association there in Anniston.

Georgia Baptist Convention (GBC) state missionaries:

Buck Burch – Buck helps Baptists throughout Georgia understand and support the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists’ unified budget approach to supporting missions at home and abroad. He also assists churches in promoting and developing biblical stewardship among their members. He and his family previously served as IMB missionaries in Russia. Buck is a Georgia native.

Stacy Dyer – Stacy serves as State Missionary for Church Revitalization ministries. In that role, he has facilitated our own “Revitalization Roundtable” discussions for ministers in the Bethel Association, along with several other associations around the state. Stacy resides in Blairsville in the North Georgia mountains, and is a frequent speaker at outdoors ministry events around our state.

Mike Flowers - Mike serves as a State Missionary in Men’s Ministries, specifically as Director of Camp Kaleo, our Royal Ambassador camp located in Forsyth, Georgia. Men’s Ministries is dedicated to assisting the local church in developing men to be Godly leaders in the home, the church, and in their communities. Men’s Ministries also seeks to involve men and boys in missions through education and personal involvement.

Cindy Fruitticher – Cindy works with Georgia Baptist Youth Ministries, equipping youth leaders so that they can impact the next generation for Christ. Georgia Baptist Youth Ministries also plans and conducts major discipleship and evangelism events for students, such as the popular SuperWOW summer camps.

Other (related) ministries:

Jim Lucas – Jim serves as Pastor to the Homeless at the Savannah Baptist Center Church in Savannah, Georgia. He has been serving in Savannah area churches for the past 25 years, and has a heart for those who are suffering and longs to share Jesus with them. His ministry has been the recipient of many of the “bags to beds” sleeping mats that our ladies have crocheted in our churches over the past couple of years.

Russell Proctor – Russell serves with Penfield Addiction Ministries, Georgia Baptists’ own state-licensed alcohol and drug treatment program for reclaiming the lives of adult men and women suffering from addiction. He works with the South Campus of Penfield Christian Homes (for men), located in Alapaha, Georgia. He also consults with churches in developing local ministry to addicted persons and their families.

Randy Smith – Randy is the current president of Georgia Campers on Mission, a group of volunteers who share Christ among the camping and RV community throughout Georgia and beyond. Campers on Mission also engage in a variety of mission projects throughout Georgia, from light construction and repair to evangelism and resort outreach. Randy has pastored several Georgia Baptist churches. He is a native of Forsyth County, Georgia, and resides in the Cumming area.