

Missions & Prayer Update

August 2026 - Missions edition

News and prayer requests from Westminster's missionaries and ministry partners.

Hope International Church of Brussels *Julian & Rachel Bacon • Mission to the World • Brussels, Belgium*

Hope International Church has stepped into its fourth year, and after three years of rapid growth to a community of around 140, the first half of 2026 has brought welcome stability and deepening roots. The season's theme has been leadership development: J transitioned from Ruling Elder to Teaching Elder (his family will move to Australia in January 2027 as he takes an ordained pastorate there); L was ordained as a new Ruling Elder after examiners called his practical ministry exam "the best they had ever reviewed"; and Hope established its first-ever diaconate to carry administrative and logistical load so elders can stay focused on prayer and the Word. Pastoral intern M also completed his internship in May.

Community Groups spent the semester in the book of Micah, Sunday mornings dug into Genesis and Luke, and the church just wrapped its second annual summer Kids Club (VBS) with 22 children registered - this year with Hope taking the organizational lead. Two new MTW missionary families are on the way: one to launch an international RUF chapter for Brussels' large student population, and one to support church planting and multiplication.

Biggest news: at a July members' meeting, the congregation voted to move forward with purchasing a permanent property - a major step of faith. Watch Julian and Rachel's 3-minute video update on the last six months:

[Watch the Bacons' video update \(3 min, YouTube\)](#)

Ways to pray:

- New deacons and elder - wisdom as they establish systems to care for the congregation
- The transitions of elder J's family to Australia and intern M's ongoing role
- Newer attendees moving from the periphery into Community Groups and membership
- The building project - favor with the seller, the bank, and provision for the down payment
- Fruit from this summer's Kids Club, and lasting connection with the children's families

All Saints Reformed Church *Rev. Dr. Benjamin Kappers, Pastor • St. George, Utah*

All Saints celebrated its fourth birthday on August 2 with a service centered on Psalm 145 - praising God's work of regeneration and sanctification in the congregation. The church received ten new members, celebrated the baptisms of two sets of brothers, and has two more new members joining this month, including a young man newly come to faith. Many of the church's new attendees and members come from a Mormon background and are drawn to a congregation that takes Scripture seriously and offers warm fellowship.

Pastor Ben also reports growing zeal for evangelism: men from the church did street evangelism outside the St. George LDS Temple and, the following week, outside a large Jehovah's Witness convention. Ben also welcomes an incoming mission assistant, Ben, who will join for a year to help catalyze missions and evangelism and share the pastoral load - he is currently raising the support needed to come on staff.

"Without churches like Westminster, these new families would not have a church like All Saints to attend, and the ministry at the temple and convention center would not be happening." - Rev. Ben Kappers

Ways to pray:

- Continued unity of the congregation through this season of growth
- Faithfulness and equipping to care for the covenant children of the church
- The Word of God to continue to be faithfully preached in Southwest Utah
- Provision as the incoming mission assistant, Ben, raises his support

Verity Pregnancy & Medical Resource Center *Crystal Hamilton, Executive Director • Fort Myers, Florida*

Thanks to Westminster's participation in Verity's spring Baby Bottle Campaign, our congregation raised \$942.04 to support free pregnancy testing, limited ultrasounds, counseling, material assistance, and post-abortion support offered at the center. Crystal shared this story from a recent client: a young woman on her way to an appointment at Planned Parenthood felt led to stop at Verity instead - a center she had visited four years earlier with a friend. Verity's advocate and nurse sat with her, walked through her appointment, and gently shared the truth about the life she was carrying. By the end of the visit, she chose life for her baby.

Watch a short preview from Verity below:

[Watch Verity's video preview \(Vimeo\)](#)

Ways to pray:

- Every mom and dad who walks through Verity's doors this month, that they would choose life
- Provision as Verity works to hire additional staff to keep pace with growing client demand
- Continued partnership between Westminster and Verity's Fort Myers ministry

Equipping Leaders International - PS78 Teachers *Dr. Carla Stevens • Teacher training in Uganda*

Carla's July update highlights the fruit of "Teaching That Transforms" (T3), a ministry launched by Nancy Williams, the first graduate of the PS78 Teacher Education master's program. T3 has been training teachers with little or no formal education in Ugandan village schools, and recently merged with the Shalom Network (a church-revitalization ministry) to form Holos Network for Healthy Churches, which now walks alongside churches and schools to help them reflect the character of God in their communities.

"The way the teachers are seeing the children now is very different, because they were taught that these children are a gift from God...made in the image of the Lord. They can no longer treat them in a way that is disrespectful...I no longer receive [reports] of teachers beating the children-caning, by using a stick. That is no longer existing over here." - Pastor Joseph, Kayunga village

Nancy Williams will now serve as a consultant to the PS78 Teachers team as they design a new set of training modules for Equipping Leaders International's expansion into equipping teachers with little to no formal education - to be unveiled at the Equipping Leaders International Annual Conference this September.

Ways to pray:

- The new training modules to be written well and presented effectively at the September conference
- Continued transformation in Ugandan classrooms as teachers embrace biblical integration
- Nancy Williams and the Holos Network team as they expand this work

Local Partner Spotlight: The Heights Foundation *Harlem Heights neighborhood, Fort Myers - Christian education partner with Summit Christian School*

Congratulations to our ministry partner: the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce named The Heights Foundation the 2026 recipient of its Nonprofit Excellence Award for more than 25 years of strengthening families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood, and Founder/President/CEO Kathryn Kelly was named a finalist for the Chamber's Community Impact Award. The Foundation's reach continues to grow with the opening of Heights CareerTech Institute, a nonprofit public charter technical college preparing adults for careers in healthcare, skilled trades, and technology.

- Continued praise for Kathryn Kelly's leadership and the Foundation's Christian-education partnership with SCS