# **April Partner Summaries**

## **Americas**

Ric & Stacy Baccus - Mission Agape, Midland, TX

- Their weekend food program has grown since last quarter, where 475 children from 9 different elementary schools are blessed. The number of food bags provided to upper schools has also grown, while the demand has grown for more bags at more schools.
- The partnership with Culver Juvenile Justice Center and Crisis Intervention Unit remain strong, with the newest partnership at Coleman High School.
- One of Stonegate Fellowship's COM groups has begun to volunteer, and their group helped create 300 weekend food bags, as well as collected a Christmas toy drive back in December.

Bill & Julie Johnson - BEE World, Colorado Springs, CO

- Praise! Julie had a great trip to Nepal for a Women's Conference to see women empowered with the Gospel to now impact their families, communities, and nation with Scripture.
- Bill's primary role at BEE World is to serve as the VP of Operations over a 60 person organization. He works in the home office in Colorado Springs. Bill & Julie are hoping to take BEE training into West Africa in the next few years, and Bill is preparing to go to Kenya this August for "on-the-job-training" to facilitate BEE World courses.

#### Asia

Tower Family - International Mission Board, Southeast Asia

- Berney was in Indonesia meeting with local believers to evaluate and plan how to mobilize the believers to go beyond their borders and have a heart to share the Good News and help start groups of followers among other religious claiming peoples. This is one of the few, if not first, denomination in Indonesia to partner, plan and regularly send out believers to other countries.
- Pray for the family as they are still fighting against jet lag with two little ones that aren't sleeping well. This means that Mama (Kari) isn't getting much sleep either,

even as she is jumping back into working with the pregnancy clinic she started a year ago that serves several different refugee communities.

Wilson & Misti Echols - Beyond, Southeast Asia

- Praise! Wilson and Misti's partner R was able to "dunk" and celebrate FIVE new brothers and sisters into the family of God! This is extremely exciting as this comes in the aftermath of a devastating natural disaster for the people of that island and seeing more evidence of God's promises.
- Praise! They've seen many students from their 8-week accountability groups take
  their first steps of obedience in sharing about God with friends and classmates.
   They've gathered the students to further sharpening vision and give them the
  opportunity to meet several other workers in their area.

## Africa

The Harper Family - His Voice Global, Uganda

- After serving 3.5 years with YWAM, Sid & Wendy felt God saying their time with YWAM was coming to an end. They knew they wanted to wanted to return to Uganda, but began praying to ask if they were still called to Uganda. God has orchestrated a beautiful story where the Harpers are now with His Voice Global, and have Mike, Megan, Kohen, and Keene Elkins are teammates and partners!
- Pray! The whole family is transitioning back well, but Sid and Wendy will be in new roles with HVG (His Voice Global). They have 2 teachers living with them one special ed for Charlie and Levi, the other for the remaining children, so there are a lot of people all in one place. Continue to lift up the people they will minister to, and that their hearts would be open and ready to receive the Gospel.

The Bradley Family - SIM, Ethiopia

- Chad and his mentor, Tim, visited a young and growing church district that's 5+ hours from where the Bradley's live. The purpose of the visit was to meet the district's leaders, visit a handful of the 48 churches and discuss the details regarding a 2+ year pastor's training program. Most of these churches began 12 years ago and are just now organized enough to take next steps to train their leaders in order to compliment their district's breadth with increased depth.
- Nancy organized an Easter outreach for their Ethiopian neighbors for Palm Sunday.
   13 adults and 15 children came to the Bradley's home to watch the Jesus film in Amharic and had a feast of foods that met the Ethiopian Orthodox Church's East

Fast requirements, and a traditional coffee ceremony. Nancy was able to share the Gospel with the women, and they began opening up about the meaning of Christ's death and resurrection and in what ways they feel they could grow in their walks with God.

## Middle East

Arab Baptist Theological Seminary - Middle East

Since 2015, ABTS' online degree program has been equipping church leaders who cannot physically join their residential program, and has been serving Arab churches in more than 20 different countries. Pray for these online students who are also Arab ministry leaders, that, even as they are caught up in the busyness of ministry, they would focus on their online theological studies so that they are transformed into Christ-like servant leaders.