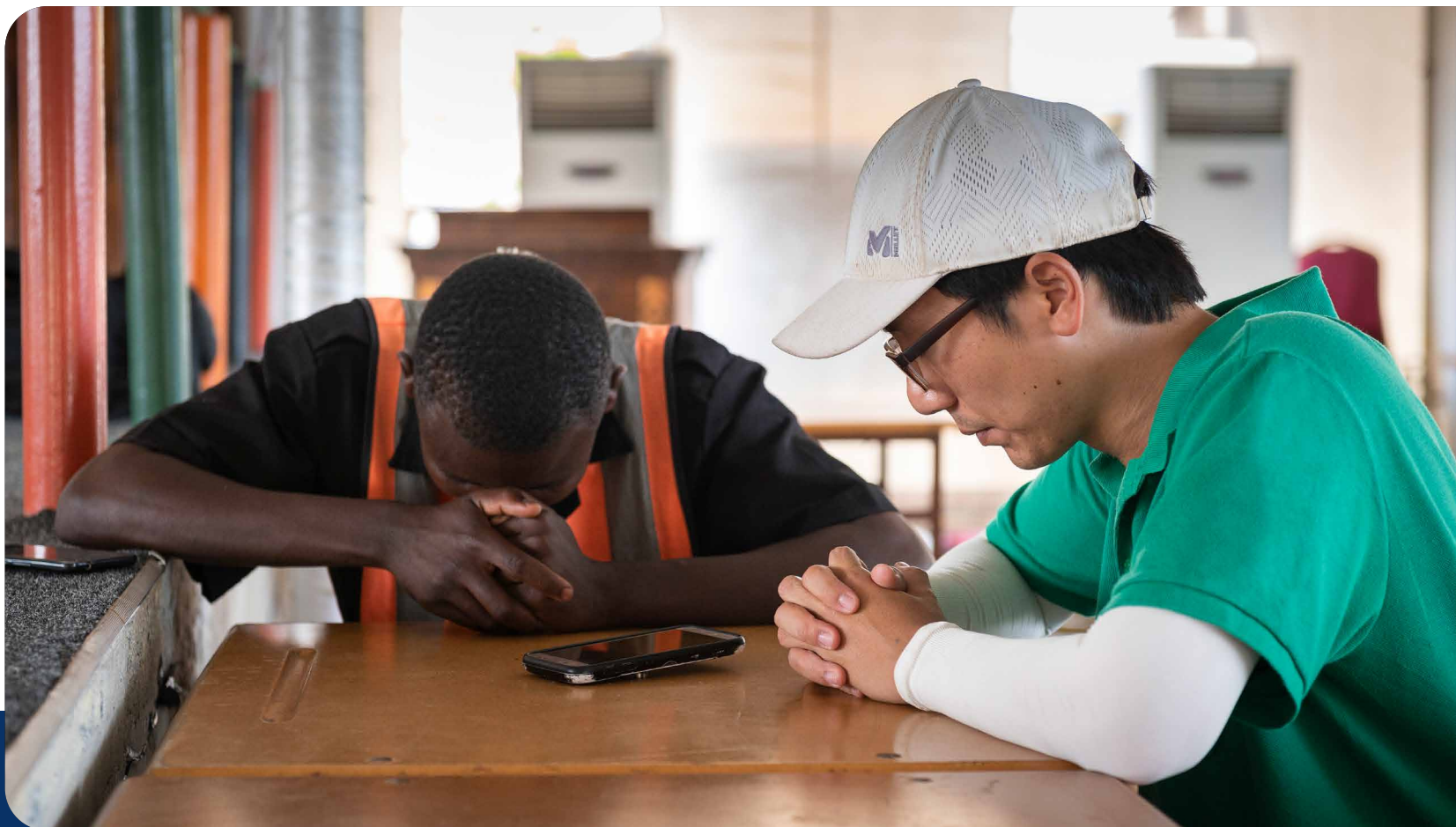




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# PRAYER GUIDE

During a family meal, family worship, church small group meeting, or your own devotion time, this prayer guide will lead you to pray for the lost and for your missionaries who are steadfastly present among them.



# **YOUR PRAYERS ARE POWERFUL**

When we ask you to pray for your missionaries and for the lost, we are asking you to join us in solving the world's greatest problem – lostness. Your prayers make a real difference.

# PRAY FOR THE GRAYSON FAMILY

Grant and Gracie Grayson, along with their children Gary, Gavin, and Gabby, serve as IMB missionaries in Southeast Asia.

- **Pray** God will draw our two sons, Gary and Gavin, to Himself as they adjust to life at a Christian college in the United States.
- **Pray** Gracie's aging mom will receive Jesus Christ's invitation to forgiveness and salvation by faith in Him.
- **Pray** we will be a blessing to churches during our stateside assignment time in the U.S.
- **Pray** we will transition well back to the mission field in Southeast Asia and that God will provide good friends for our daughter, Gabby, on the field.
- **Pray** God will raise up a pastor from a church plant in Southeast Asia where we serve.





# PRAY FOR THE RHEE FAMILY

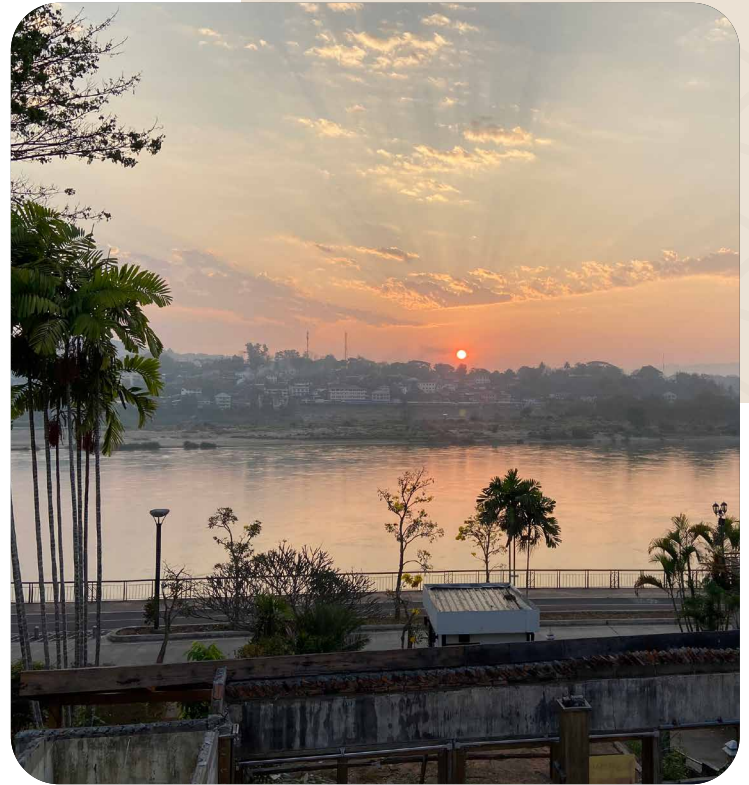
Young and Letty Rhee serve as  
IMB missionaries in South Asia.

- **Pray** for churches in South Asia, where only 1.8% of the 1.9 billion people are believers, to play their part in the Great Commission and send many missionaries to the nations.
- **Pray** the gospel will quickly reach the more than 1,000 unengaged, unreached people groups in South Asia.
- **Ask** God to help us mobilize more workers from among the harvest in South Asia to go and share the gospel with unengaged, unreached people groups around the world.
- **Ask** God to give us wisdom and discernment as we train and coach local South Asian church leaders and other Asian believers like us who are sharing the gospel among South Asians.
- **Pray** we will abide in Christ daily and grow in the fruit of His Spirit.

# PRAY FOR THE KERN FAMILY

Theo and Claudia serve  
as IMB missionaries in  
Southeast Asia.

- **Pray** for the minority people groups in Southeast Asia who are unreached with the gospel, as many have still not heard the good news of Jesus.
- **Pray** for Christian minorities as they use music to reach out to lost people who are held captive by spiritual darkness so that they may experience freedom in Christ.
- **Pray** for the Holy Spirit to bring revival among believers in house churches and traditional churches, leading them to reach the lost in nearby villages and neighboring countries despite facing persecution by their own villages and governments.
- **Pray** God will call and equip young people to carry the gospel to their generation, and pray that those called to ministry will be trained and deepened in their understanding of the Bible.
- **Pray** for us to continue growing in our love for Christ and our trust in Him.






## PRAY FOR THE PARK FAMILY

Daniel and Kay serve in  
Cape Town, South Africa.

- **Pray** for perseverance for seminary students who continue their theological training despite hardships, and that we would guide them toward a fruitful future in ministry.
- **Pray** the Islamic center near the place we serve would become an open door for gospel proclamation in the surrounding community.
- **Pray** ongoing disciple-making training with local pastors would multiply and expand to four generations of disciples.
- **Pray** for the evangelization of township residents, especially young people. Pray they would encounter Jesus Christ and find true hope in Him.
- **Pray** we would be a couple who daily arm themselves with the full armor of the Holy Spirit, standing firm together in every challenge we face in ministry.

# PRAY FOR THE HOLIFIELD FAMILY

Ven and Cilia serve in Northern Africa and the Middle East.

- **Pray** our house will be a house of prayer and a sanctuary of peace, love, and hospitality for everyone who enters. Please pray God's peace will dwell in our home and for a hedge of protection around the house and our family.
  - **Pray** our lives, conversations, and actions would reflect the gospel, so that everyone who visits, whether believer or unbeliever, will witness the hope of Christ.
  - **Pray** for the patience to learn language and for the supernatural ability to remember vocabulary and grasp the sounds and tones. Pray God creates connections even while we still are in the early, struggling stages of learning, allowing us to share His love through simple interactions.
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- **Pray** for divine guidance, wisdom, patience, and joy as we start homeschooling our children, Hanna (5) and Levi (3). Pray we would teach them with grace, find balance in daily tasks, and discover opportunities for meaningful, positive socialization. Pray as we balance homeschooling with nurturing our daughter, Talia (1).
  - **Pray** we will be a shining light of love and truth in the darkness.



# PRAY FOR THE SONG FAMILY

David and Sarah serve as IMB missionaries in Central Asia.

- **Pray** God will help us grow in the local language so we can clearly share the gospel and have meaningful faith conversations with local people.
- **Pray** our lives remain rooted in God's Word, and that we can equip local believers with biblical truth and bless the local church.
- **Pray** God will use our team to reach the lost, equip local pastors, raise up young believers, and establish healthy churches.
- **Pray** for our ministry through the global missionary partners (GMP) program. Pray God will guide and strengthen new workers sent from churches in the Asia-Pacific Rim.
- **Pray** God will use our digital gospel platforms in Central Asia to strengthen believers and draw seekers to know Christ.

# Asian American

## SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

### THE STATS

**24 M**



The estimated number of Asian Americans in the U.S. This includes Asian alone or in combinations with any other race and represents 7.2% of the total population in the country.

*(Source: US Census, 2020 Population Estimates)*

**100**



The number of Asian languages spoken in the U.S.

*(Sources: US Census, 2009-2013 American Community Survey)*

**2,184**



The number of Southern Baptists Asian American congregations in the United States with just under 170,000 members.

*(Source: Ethnic Research Network, 2023 State of Ethnicity & Race in SBC)*

## WHY SEND ASIAN AMERICAN MISSIONARIES?

1. Asian Americans who've recently moved to the U.S. maintain **strong social ties** with those in their home countries. Asian American Southern Baptists have **cultural and linguistic connections** to thousands of unengaged, unreached people groups around the world.
2. Asian Americans value harmony and interpersonal relationship. Asian American Southern Baptists **play a bridging role** to promote organizational oneness and multicultural team collaboration.
3. Almost all Southern Baptist Asian American congregations (96%) are in metro areas with **keen understanding of cities** where much of the world's unreached people live.

Asian churches are growing in number and depth across the Southern Baptist Convention, and our partnership is essential to fulfilling the Revelation 7:9 vision. Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Myanmar, Burmese, Thai, and Vietnamese congregations represent the Asian faces of the SBC, and many are active partners in the IMB's work of taking the gospel to the nations.

Revelation 7:9-10 says that there will be a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language. **Let's advance God's kingdom together.**

Learn more at [imb.org/asian-church-missions](https://imb.org/asian-church-missions)





## REVELATION 7:9

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb..."

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