

## BGAV International Missions Offering

Our missional philosophy focuses on **CONNECTING** with the global Christian family and supporting national missionaries who know the language, culture, and needs of their own communities. It is also committed to **SERVING** alongside each other – learning from one another as we seek to be part of Christ’s presence in the world. And, we develop **THRIVING** relationships with local partners, honoring the way God empowers Christ’s followers in every culture and ensuring your gifts have the greatest impact.

Funds received through the BGAV International Missions Offering support ongoing mission strategies such as:

International Church Planting and Evangelism

Poverty Initiatives

Refugee Initiatives

Community Development

International Disaster Response



Additionally, funds received for the BGAV International Missions Offering may also support special project requests such as:



Digging of wells

Medical/Health concerns

Educational Needs

Bible Distribution

These strategies and projects are currently being carried out in twenty-eight countries.



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## BGAV International Missions Offering - Prayer Guide

### Day One

**Cesar Sotomayor** pastors a church in Graz, Austria, most of whose members come from a refugee background. Many in the congregation are still in the asylum process, fearing deportation, and a significant number of members live below the poverty line. Pray for financial support for Cesar and his family, co-workers in the areas of worship, music, and children’s ministry.

### Day Two

With a relational and result-driven development model, **Food for the Hungry Nicaragua** assists communities in Somotillo and Quilali to graduate from extreme poverty. Pray for their indigenous team as they address basic needs like food security and sanitation, and shepherd whole neighborhoods into a sustainable future. Pray that more BGAV congregations would become church-to-community partners.

### Day Three

**Basil Kansa** is one of the indigenous church planters whom we support through the European Baptist Federation. Pray for Basil’s church in Lebanon, as they demonstrate the love of Christ in their community. Pray for peace and stability in the entire country, and for the church’s strength and safety in a sometimes hostile environment. Pray for peace!

### Day Four

**Reverend Emanuel Mustapha** is an entrepreneurial church planter headquartered in Ghana, and a long-time partner of the BGAV. Pray for wisdom and co-workers as he leads an effort to plant 2,000 churches in West Africa. Pray for health and strength for him and his family.

### Day Five

**Pastor Edward** is from the Ukrainian town of Izmail. Since the escalation of the war in Ukraine his church has partnered with nearby churches to house and care for thousands of refugees. Pray for Pastor Edward as well as for the Baptist network in the Odessa region as they develop their capacity for offering psycho-social support and trauma counseling to the many displaced persons, especially for traumatized children. Pray for peace!

### Day Six

**Hendrik Skrzypowski** is a Polish pastor in Chelm. He leads the Poland Baptist effort to respond to the needs of Ukrainian refugees in his region. Pray for the successful coordination of lodging and feeding the refugees, as well as the trucking of thousands of tons of supplies to Ukraine Baptist distribution points. Pray for peace!

### Day Seven

**Asatur Nahapetyan** is the leader of Armenia Baptists, and a long-time friend of the BGAV. Armenia is receiving over 100,000 refugees from the war-torn Nagorno-Karabakh region. Pray for the Baptist churches that will serve as relief centers for the refugees. Pray for peace!

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