



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: December 3

Becky Harrell **MOZAMBIQUE**

Today we want to pray for one of our missionaries who serves in Mozambique (say moe-zam-BEEK), Africa: Becky Harrell.

It is hard for us in America to even imagine the constant spiritual warfare that fights our missionaries as they work to plant the gospel in African hearts.

Becky works with fearful women who make their children wear magic charms that are supposed to protect them from evil spirits and diseases.

It is hard for these women to trust in God, but of course, those who do move into a life of blessings — free of fear.

Becky is one of the 10,000 or so missionaries our church supports through our Cooperative Program giving. As we pray for her today, let's ask the Lord to keep her spiritually strong as she fights those evil forces there in Africa.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: December 10

Don **NORTH AFRICA / MIDDLE EAST**

We've seen reports on the war in Syria in the news.

But what we haven't seen on the general news is how Baptists are ministering in the middle of the conflict.

Our missionaries are serving all over the Middle East. This is about one we'll call Don, and no, that's not his real name.

One of Don's friends we'll call Tarik operates a Christian school for Syrian refugee children. This is a school where kids learn about God's love for them instead of the hatred taught by the many extremist groups.

But recently Tarik was in a bind; he was out of money. He would have to close the school without more operating funds.

Don was able to get money a church here in the States sent for ministry to refugees. The school was saved.

It was Cooperative Program funds that enable Don to be there and help make the connections. Part of our church's Cooperative Program giving helps support Don in that dangerous place.

Today, can we pray for Don and his friend, Tarik, and the school that teaches the love of God instead of some group's hatred?



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: December 17

Scott and Alyssa Branding **THAILAND**

The Bible is pretty clear that, as Christians, we're supposed to help people in need and we're supposed to share the gospel with everyone.

Sometimes we can do both at once.

That's what our missionaries Scott and Alyssa Branding are doing in Thailand.

They are working with a group called the Rohingya (say roe-HING-yah). About a million of these people left Myanmar (say MY-an-mar) — that's the country in Asia which we used to call Burma — because they were treated harshly by the government.

But the problem was that none of the other Asian countries wanted them.

Some of the people went to Indonesia, some to Malaysia and some to Thailand. But they are mostly in refugee camps and have trouble getting food, clothing and medical care.

Scott and Alyssa visit these refugee camps and give people food and clothing provided by Baptists in America. They also share the gospel every chance they get.

It is a hard and dangerous ministry. But someone must tell the Rohingya people that God loves them and wants them, even if nobody else does.

Today let us pray for Scott and Alyssa and ask God to keep them safe. And let's ask God that many in the refugee camps would come to know Jesus Christ as Savior. It is our Cooperative Program giving that enables Scott and Alyssa to serve.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: December 24

Suzie Rodgers **ZAMBIA**

Today we want to pray for Suzie Rodgers and especially for her two boys. They live in Zambia (say ZAM-bee-ah), one of the African nations.

Suzie took them with her to a food market; the boys went off on their own in the store. After a while one of the boys came running back to her and said a man wanted to be baptized. Her son had been telling Bible stories to a man in the store. When she went to check, she found her other son was also telling Bible stories to a man.

Suzie got the two men together and shared the gospel with them. They both decided to follow Christ!

Suzie said they went shopping but ended up fishing.

Today we want to pray for Suzie, her husband and those two fine boys. Aren't you glad we send missionaries to Africa who will interrupt grocery shopping to share the gospel?

And aren't you glad they have done a great job of raising their boys?

Our church's Cooperative Program giving keeps that missionary family serving there in Africa.



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: December 31

Robert Lane **SUDAN**

One of the reasons we must pray for our missionaries is because we send them to some of the most dangerous places in the world.

Today we want to pray for Robert Lane, one of our missionaries in South Sudan, one of the African countries where violence is common. We support him through our church's Cooperative Program giving.

Recently he was training a man who would go back to his village to share the gospel. But before he could leave, he got a message.

His village had been attacked and most of his people killed; their houses were burned. His sister's husband was killed; she ran for her life with a rifle strapped to her back.

Here's what Robert said about it: "We speak with urgency not because people are getting old and dying without Jesus, but because they are being killed before we can get to them."

I am sure we want to pray for Robert and the people he is working with in that troubled land.