

FAITH PROMISE GOALS 2025

Faith Promise is our annual missions offering that goes over and above the Lord's tithe and your regular offerings. We ask every member of Briarwood to prayerfully seek the Lord's guidance as to the amount that He would have you give. Learn more about Faith Promise at briarwood.org/faithpromise.

HALLELUJAH GOAL

\$2,873,434

Church Revitalization Asia, Equipping Missionaries in Colombia, Island to Island Partnership, Latin America Mobile Bible Institute, Muslim Ministry, New Zealand Campus Ministry, Russian Theological Training

STRETCH GOAL

\$2,728,434

Eastern Europe Church Planting, Indigenous Tribal Ministry, Indonesia Church Planting, Kurdistan Church Planting, Ministry to Persecuted Church, South African Church Planting

OPERATIONAL GOAL

\$2,583,434

Committed Missionary Support,
Global Ministry Operations
Local International Outreach



Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GMC GLOBAL GLIMPSES

After the Worship Services Sunday–Wednesday, hear from and interact with our Ministry Partner Conference Attendees who serve internationally and share God's word with a lost world. Please remain in prayer for all of our missionaries.

Sunday, February 23

6:00 p.m. Service • 7:15 Glimpses

WC:	Bill Nelson	Africa
Chapel:	Salam & Mouna	Iraq
FH-A:	Adam Cain	Honduras
FH-E:	Tim Weston	International
FH-F:	Gabriel & Norma Glory	Mexico
G-101:	Christopher Brock	France
G-103:	Kisanna Budai	Hungary

Monday, February 24

5:15 p.m. Dinner • 6:30 Service • 7:15 Glimpses

WC:	Tim Galage	South Africa
Chapel:	Blake Purcell	Russia
FH-A:	Nadeem	United Kingdom
FH-E:	Ben & Mary Guo	Asia
FH-F:	Besiana Rajta	Albania
G-101:	Keith Knowlton	Scotland
G-103:	Brad Baker	Hungary

Tuesday, February 25

5:15 p.m. Dinner • 6:30 Service • 7:15 Glimpses

WC:	Bob & Andrea Burnham	Ukraine/Romania
Chapel:	Tim Byrd	Zambia
FH-A:	George Tolia	Greece
FH-E:	John & Carol Ragsdale	Middle East/N. Africa
FH-F:	John & Karen Stodghill	Belize
G-101:	Dony & Sharon St. Germain	Haiti
G-103:	Craig & Heather Gahagen	Peru

Wednesday, February 26

5:15 p.m. Dinner • 6:30 Glimpse Session 1

WC:	Michael D.	Southeast Asia
Chapel:	Marenglen & Savana Rexhaj	Albania
FH-E:	Brett McAlpin	United Kingdom
FH-F:	Alan & Junia Andrioni	United Kingdom
G-101:	Stephen & Satomi Sakamoto	Japan
G-103:	Leonard & Victoria Long	New Zealand

7:15 Glimpse Session 2

WC:	James Broadway	South Africa
Chapel:	Sam H.	Spain
FH-A:	Ben & Jenny Roberts	Kenya
FH-E:	Juan & Eva Barriento	Peru
FH-F:	Kurt & Marlene Schimke	Uganda
G-101:	Kiran Boddu	Southeast Asia
G-103:	Steve & Rita Williams	New Zealand

Learn more about the Global Ministries Conference at briarwood.org/GMC.

FEATURED EVENTS

Our Strong Foundation — Global Ministries Conference | February 23 – March 2 *

This year's 60th Annual Global Ministries Conference will focus on "Our Strong Foundation" in the Lord. Our speaker will be Dr. Stafford Carson, and we will hear and learn from our supported global ministry partners. Find additional information and see how you can support our conference at briarwood.org/gmc.

GLOW — Children's Global Ministries Conference | February 23–26

During the Global Ministries Conference, children will have the opportunity to hear from Ministry Partners from all around the world. There will be plenty of fun, games, trivia and music each night along with great missions teaching. Bring your child to the Children's Auditorium Sunday night through Wednesday night. No registrations are required.

Faith Promise Sunday — Global Ministries Conference | March 2 *

During the Morning Worship Services, we will have the opportunity to place our Faith Promise Pledges at the feet of our ministry partners as they prepare to go back out into the world to spread the gospel and make disciples. Be in prayer, asking the Lord what He would have you pledge by faith to the Global Missions Fund. Return Sunday evening as we close out the conference in worship and hear the report of our Faith Promise giving.

* Nursery is available for select events upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

Gladys Aylward: My Missionary Life in China

by Gladys Aylward & Christine Hunter | GMC 2025 Recommendation

With no mission board to support her, and less than ten dollars in her pocket, Gladys Aylward left her home in England to answer God's call to take the message of the gospel to China. With the Sino-Japanese War waging around her, she struggled to bring the basics of life and the fullness of God to orphaned children. Time after time, God triumphed over impossible situations, and drew people to Himself. In this book, Gladys tells her story—a remarkable tale of one woman's determination to serve God at any cost. Price: \$8.99

Gladys Aylward: No Mountain Too High

by Myrna Grant | GMC 2025 Recommendation

Gladys Aylward, a single female on her own, carried her passport, some money and the only belongings that she had in a small briefcase with a teapot and a saucepan tied to the handle. Many looked on her expedition to mainland China as foolhardy and dangerous. After having purchased her one-way ticket, she left the United Kingdom with determination to do what God had commanded her. She knew she was meant to go to China, even with no mission support—an unconventional theme that would continue throughout her work where she thwarted authorities, became involved in the Chinese resistance, and rescued over 100 children from the invading Japanese army. This gripping and astonishing story challenges young readers to trust God as Gladys Aylward did. Price: \$7.99

Featured books are available to purchase online at briarwood.org/bookstore.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Cards for Missionary Coffee — February 3–24. Write an encouragement card with a favorite verse or two to give to our visiting missionaries on Tuesday, February 25 at the Missionary Coffee. Cards can be dropped off in the Women's Ministry Office.

2025 College Missions Retreat — Friday, February 21–Sunday, February 23 at The Barn. Kick off the weekend with dinner at 6:00 p.m. then join us all weekend for food, fellowship, and worship. Our missionaries will challenge us to live out the Great Commission!

Women's Missionary Coffee — Tuesday, February 25 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come for a time of fellowship and prayer for our visiting ministry partners. Nursery available by reservation.

Trailblazers Tour — Monday, March 3 at 10:30 a.m. at the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association. Join us as we tour the Strength to Stand Institute. Lunch following on your own. Find additional information and register at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

YBL Sporting Clays — Friday March 7 from 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at Selwood Farm. Breakfast and lunch provided. Tickets are \$300 individual or \$1,200 for a team of 4. Register at bit.ly/2025SportingClays.

Become a Briarwood Member — March 12, 15 and 16. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers' Classes. Attending these classes does not obligate you to join. To sign up, email Wendy at wlong@briarwood.org.

WBL "The Heart of Business" — March 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Samford's Brock Recital Hall. Join WBL for a light supper, networking, and a panel of accomplished businesswomen discussing integrity, service, and purpose in business. Register at wblbirmingham.org.

VBS 2025 — We are busy making plans for this summer's Vacation Bible School June 2–6! Volunteers are needed. Email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org if you are interested. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

Become a Friendship Partner — Get involved with God's heart for the nations. An intentional friendship can have an eternal impact — share a meal, introduce them to places you frequent, or take them out for coffee. Contact Courtney at cmcgregor@briarwood.org.

Mission Trip Needs — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting ibuprofen (200mg) and Tylenol (500mg) for March and May Mission Trips. Donations can be left in the CMMMA box in the Mailroom. Email cmmaadmin@briarwood.org with any questions.

Job Opening: Receptionist Substitute — Seeking a part-time Receptionist Substitute to fill in as needed. If interested, contact Bobbi Scruggs at bscruggs@briarwood.org.

Job Opening: Nursery Staff — Part-time position options available for 1 day to 4 days a week with shifts Monday–Friday from 7:30 a.m.–noon. For additional information, contact Sarah Stewart at 205-776-5214 or stewart@gmail.com.

Job Openings: Full-time & Part-time Staff — There are a number of ministry positions open. See all employment and job openings at briarwood.org/employment.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday, February 23 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Pray for the missionary ladies who will share about their ministries and personal prayer requests at the Women's Missionary Coffee on Tuesday morning. Pray for our hearts to be open to their needs and for us to encourage them through love and prayer.

Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee to walk in the light of the Lord's presence and find strength in His unwavering faithfulness (Psalm 89:13-15).

Monday, February 24 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for Restoration Academy as they work to advance each student's life according to the two greatest commandments—to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love others as ourselves. They are currently in need of tutors for every grade level and subject. Go to restorationacademy.org/volunteer to volunteer or find more information about this ministry.

Tuesday, February 25 — Missions Prayer Focus

Ask the Lord to prepare our hearts this week as we hear Him calling from His Word as Dr. Stafford Carson and our missionaries speak to us. Pray we will be challenged to connect with the missionaries, to pray for them, and to participate in the Faith Promise.

Wednesday, February 26 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Hysen and Esmeralda Kanani with Cru in Albania; Garth and Fiona with Trans World Radio in West Africa; Shin-Ho and Ok-Nam Kim with Church Revitalization International in Japan; and Joshua and Monika with Reaching & Teaching International Ministries in Africa.

Thursday, February 27 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Trent Taylor with Campus Outreach at Samford University; Seth and Bethany Terrell with Campus Outreach at University of Alabama; Matthew and Megan Terrell with Reformed University Fellowship in New York; Mark and Darby Travers with Turning Hearts Ministry in Birmingham; and NorthStar Youth Ministries.

Friday, February 28 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our elders Craig Gilbert, Stephen Bunn; Glenn Draper; deacons Randy DeRieux, Joseph Cawood, Jason Cole; and Japanese Pastor Kotaro Hamamatsu and his wife, Jackie.

Saturday, March 1 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Carolyn Bonds, Tom Claud, Maggie Nabors, Don Davis.

We offer our love and sympathy to the family of member Bettye Ann Anglin on her death on February 13; and to Jeanette Stracner and family on the death of her husband, member Richard Stracner, on February 16.

*Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before You. Blessed are the people who know
the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of Your face. Psalm 89:14-15*

Receive each day's prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App. In your Briarwood App settings, enable "Weekly Prayer Guide" notifications.

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

I. Global Ministries Conference 2025

Our Strong Foundation

“Let All the People Praise You”

Psalm 67

Dr. Stafford Carson

Dr. Stafford Carson is Executive Director of Global Ministries and the Barker Professor of Missions and Evangelism at Westminster Theological Seminary.

Sunday Evening Worship:

II. Global Ministries Conference 2025

Our Strong Foundation

“The Great Commission”

Matthew 28:19–20

Sunday evening will feature Global Glimpses after the sermon starting at 7:15 p.m. where we will hear from conference ministry partners and their ministries throughout the nations. Stay for desserts and fellowship starting at 7:40 p.m.