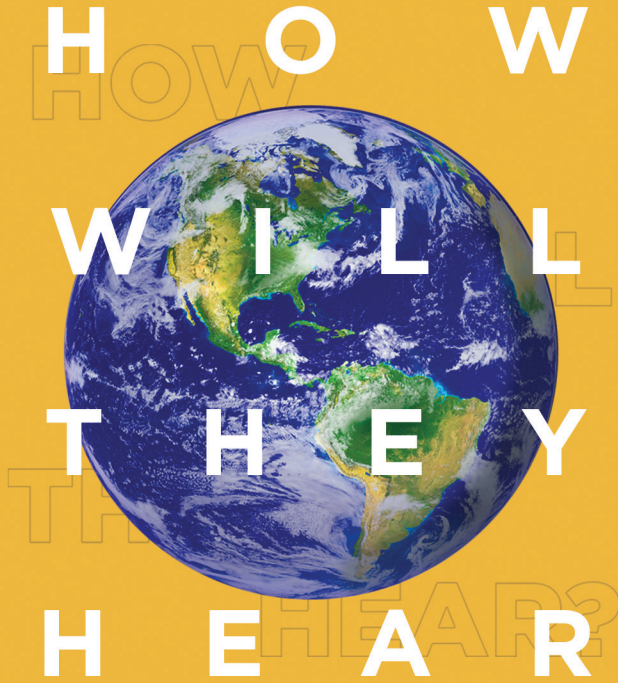


GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION 2022
FEBRUARY 23-27

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PRAYER GUIDE



2022 GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:00 PM GIC PRAYER ACTIVITY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6:00 PM MISSIONARY EXPO

6:30 PM GIC KICK-OFF CELEBRATION
& SPECIAL EVENTS FOR PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN
WITH GUEST PREACHER: JIMMY SCROGGINS
PASTOR OF FAMILY CHURCH

8:00 PM MISSIONARY EXPO

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

10:00 AM PERSONALIZATION EVENT

6:30 PM STORIES & SONGS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

LOCAL SERVICE PROJECTS WITH MISSIONARIES
(VISIT [SHADES.ORG/GIC](https://shades.org/gic) FOR DETAILS)

SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIALS WITH MISSIONARIES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 & 10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH MISSIONARIES

9:00 & 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
WITH GUEST PREACHER: BRYANT WRIGHT
PRESIDENT OF SEND RELIEF

11:45 AM FINAL MISSIONARY EXPO

7:00 PM EVENING OF WORSHIP
WITH GUEST ARTIST STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN
(NOTE: THIS IS A SEPARATE TICKETED EVENT)



A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

I can't adequately express how excited I am to participate in my first Global Impact Celebration (GIC) as your pastor here at Shades! What an incredible legacy of missional living we get to celebrate together as we welcome in partners from all over the globe and renew our commitment to the great mission that God has invited us as a church to be a part of.

The theme for this year's GIC is **"How Will They Hear?"** and comes straight from the Word of God in Romans 10. We have been reminded over and over again throughout the challenging circumstances of the global pandemic that our hope is only secure when our hope is built on Christ and Christ alone. We have seen the world around us struggle to find hope as the things of this world that so much hope was built upon have been turned upside down. This season has reminded us all yet again how much the world needs the hope of the gospel. What an amazing privilege it is as the church of Jesus Christ to be the people who carry the hope that the world so desperately needs to hear. And the reality is, the world will not know the good news of the hope that we have unless we are willing to share. So, how will they hear? They will hear the good news of hope in Jesus Christ when we the people of God live out the mission and share the reason for the hope that we have!

I am pumped to see what God will do this year through GIC! I want to invite you to join with me as we pray expectantly for God to move in power to mobilize and send out His church for the sake of His mission. I encourage you to begin praying for our partners, praying for our church, praying for our community, and praying for the lost as we celebrate all that God has entrusted to us in the mission and look forward to how he will use us in the days ahead as we seek to live by faith as a people who have been sent.

Grace & Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Wright', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

George Wright
Senior Pastor

PRAYING FOR OUR GUESTS



①

As we prepare for our Global Impact Celebration, please take time each day to pray for our 2022 mission partners who will be joining us this year.

②

Each day you will find a local, national, and international missionary or organization to pray for, as we remember Christ's charge that we are to go to "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth" as we share the gospel.

③

In addition to the specific prayer requests that our missionaries have provided, please pray for safe travel, and protection from illness as they come to Birmingham and share with us all the things God is doing in their mission field.

DAY ONE



ELISE VINCENT

**AL Baptist Children's Home
Birmingham, Alabama**

Pray for:

- Children and their families we work with who don't yet know Christ to come to salvation
- More foster families who would be willing to take in sibling groups and older children
- Fruitful and deep relationships with DHR state and local county offices
- Churches and individuals to partner with us financially, spiritually, and physically to serve foster children and hurting families

James 1:27

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.



JEFF BELCHER

**Church of the Harbor
Baltimore, Maryland**

Pray for:

- New locations to build relationships in communities, develop leaders, and more salvations
- Leaders to fill gaps left by sending out leaders for new locations
- Balance between bivocational work, church responsibilities, family, school

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



J. & C.

Eastern Europe

Pray for:

- European missionaries who, due to the pandemic and travel restrictions, are in need of extra soul care and time with other missionaries

Galatians 6:9

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

DAY TWO



MYLES MCKEE

**Asafo Mentoring
Birmingham, Alabama**

Pray for:

- God to continue to move in the hearts of those within the inner city
- God to raise up the next generation of husbands and fathers

Isaiah 61:1

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.



STEVEN CASTELLO

**City on a Hill Church
Boston, Massachusetts**

Pray for:

- The core people taking the next step with the church. Boston is a very transient city and many move away, then replacements step in
- Unbelievers in our midst to trust Jesus and be baptized
- Future decisions related to facilities
- Us, as we bring on our first paid ministerial staff, who will eventually transition into our first church planting resident

Matthew 11:29

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.



D.

Uttermost Sports

Pray for:

- Local believers being discipled by sports workers - they are hungry to grow and grounded in the Scriptures
- New families engaged through our sports program - cultural adjustment, children's education, ministry opportunities
- The new leader of the Sport Strategy Team as he directs the sports initiatives of workers in 21 countries

John 3:30

He must increase; I must decrease.

DAY THREE



GREG & STACEY OLIVER

**Awaken Ministries
Birmingham, Alabama**

Pray for:

- Those who attend our meetings will find freedom and experience God's love and care
- The men and women who keep their sexual behavior secret will take the risk of asking for help
- Protection in our staff marriages
- Deeper connections with local churches, so that pastors can shepherd sexually broken people
- God's faithfulness to continue as we seek to grow into new areas and offerings

Ephesians 13:14

But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."



JAKE FRANCE

**Vintage Church/Send Relief
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

Pray for:

- Continued strategic partnerships
- More church planters
- Continued favor, generosity and blessing for the 14 local church plants
- Send Relief, as we continue to grow

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.



H. & A.

International Mission Board

Pray for:

- The Lord to reveal Himself to the people and that they would recognize their Messiah

Isaiah 62:7

Do not give Him silence until He establishes Jerusalem as a source of praise in the Land.

DAY FOUR



TRACY HIPPS

**Christian Service Mission
Birmingham, Alabama**

Pray for:

- The peace and prosperity of our city where we have been called
- The unity of the churches in Birmingham
- Lives around our churches to be touched with the gospel

Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself in the Lord.



JOSEPH GIBBONS

**Favor City Church
Las Vegas, Nevada**

Pray for:

- Our family to transition well as we move to a new home
- Continued development of deep friendships to see our family thrive
- Our daughter to progress in her speech therapy and our son to adjust to his new school as he starts kindergarten in August
- The high school where our church meets to allow us to meet in their theater
- Wisdom as we disciple new believers
- More laborers to join our Serve Team

Acts 2:47

Praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



A.K. & A.

**Transforming Leaders
in Asia (TLA)**

Pray for:

- Young believers who need to be mentored, discipled, and trained as disciple makers
- The good health and safety of a team of 60, plus dedicated field workers working with us and their family members
- The Training Center under construction, which needs \$1.5 million to complete

Ephesians 4:12 (NIV)

To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

DAY FIVE



MATT WILSON

**Compassion International
Birmingham, Alabama**

Pray for:

- God to provide the resources needed for each child to attend school and for the efforts of the staff and local church partners
- The drought in Kenya and for God's provision for the 2.1 million people there who face severe food insecurity
- Provision for those whose homes were damaged or destroyed by heavy rain in Rwanda
- God's protection over young people who live at risk of being victims of human trafficking

James 1:27

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.



MICHAEL GUYER

**Treasuring Christ Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan**

Pray for:

- A breakthrough in openness to the good news of Jesus Christ with friends in the Old West Side of Ann Arbor, after years of faithful sowing
- For opportunities to reach new people in our new location between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti
- A revival in our city and people far from the Lord come to know Him as Savior and Lord
- The Lord to provide a worship leader for our church
- The Lord to sustain us and keep our eyes fixed on Him as members of our church serve very sacrificially each week

Acts 20:24

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.



J.

International Mission Board

Pray for:

- Wisdom and clarity for our son in making his college decision
- Wisdom and clarity for next steps for our family when our current assignment ends in 2023

Psalms 28:7

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. Therefore my heart celebrates, and I give thanks to him with my song.

P R A Y I N G
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Pray for the hearts of all those
who are attending to grasp
God's heart for the world.

2

Pray for boldness for our church
to live the mission wherever they are
and wherever they go.

3

Pray for openness, courage, and peace
for those individuals and families
that God is calling out from their
current jobs and homes to serve
vocationally in ministry and missions.

DAY EIGHT



BRANDY SUNS

The Foundry Ministries
Birmingham, Alabama

Pray for:

- The men and women currently in our care at all locations - for physical healing in their bodies, for emotional healing and renewal of their minds, and divine deliverance from addiction
- The men and women that will eventually walk through our doors - we know there are barriers for men and women to seek help and we are praying that these barriers be torn down and the way to be made simple
- Those on the front lines: our staff, board, and volunteers - we recognize that it takes us all pulling in the same direction to join the fight for those in our care

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.



BEN HEILE

Hope Church
Salt Lake City, Utah

Pray for:

- More laborers in the harvest - we need team members we can place on planting teams to impact more of our city

Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.



M.

Pioneers

Pray for:

- New opportunities to build relationships and share the Gospel
- A church to be planted among my people group
- Wisdom and guidance in leading my team well

Acts 20:24(NIV)

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

DAY NINE



JERRY CAMPBELL

Love in Action
Birmingham, Alabama

Pray for:

- Jerry's health
- Continued supply of food to stock the pantry
- Continued supply of regular volunteers

Matthew 25:35

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.

JOSIAS LAPORTE AND DAVID POTHIER

La Chapelle Gatineau
Ottawa, Canada

Pray for:

- A better relationship with the general manager of the movie theater we meet in
- The pursuit to find two new locations for our churches that lost meeting space in Montreal
- A move of the Spirit in the hearts of people in our city and that people will see their need to turn to God

Matthew 28: 19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

MICHAEL MCCOY

International Mission Board
London, England

Pray for:

- The evangelism push in London during March
- Joy filled laborers to be raised up, trained, and released into the harvest field confident and competent in discipling new believers
- Local partners to step out in boldness to plant churches in areas of great spiritual need
- The IMB London team to continue to grow in love for one another, in their unity in Christ, and focused collaboration in seeing the Church multiplied through London to the ends of the earth

2 Thessalonians 3:1

In addition, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the work of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.

DAY TEN



LISA HOGAN

Sav-A-Life
Birmingham, Alabama

Pray for:

- Protection from spiritual warfare for both the staff and volunteers
- The abortion-minded to find our centers when looking for pregnancy options information
- Clients to be open to hearing the gospel so their lives can be transformed
- The third Sav-A-Life location that will be opening in late spring so our boundaries are enlarged and more clients can be served

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

WON KWAK

North American Mission Board
New York City, New York

Pray for:

- My leadership over church planting efforts and relationships in NYC
- Church planters as they navigate the constant state of flux due to C-19 regulations and fears
- An increase in sending and supporting partner churches
- More churches to launch leadership and church planting residencies
- Loving unity amongst established churches, church plants, and parachurch groups throughout Metro NYC

Psalm 90:17

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

MELANIE MOKGATLA

GROW Ministry
Cape Town, South Africa

Pray for:

- The growth and multiplication of our mentoring ministry
- God to provide a new studio space and resources for our art workshop
- God to grow and protect our family from attacks of the enemy
- South Africa's Covid-19 challenges
- All to have access to health care, adequate food, nutrition, and jobs

Luke 2:52

And Jesus grew in wisdom, stature and favor with God and man.



JONATHAN EDWARDS AND JOHN GIBSON

Serving You Ministries
Birmingham, Alabama

Pray for:

- Continued strength and favor in building partnerships within the city
- Boldness to share the gospel to everyone that comes to Serving You

2 Timothy 1:7

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

GARRETT RABURN

Mission City Church
New York City, New York

Pray for:

- Our partnerships with other organizations to strengthen - from supporting mothers in unexpected pregnancies to helping survivors of human trafficking find rehabilitation
- Our Sunday service to remain a connecting point for new guests and for new believers to continue finding their home in Jesus Christ and in our community

Galatians 6:9

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

PAUL RICHARDSON

Take Hold Church
Edinburgh, Scotland

Pray for:

- Clarity for when and where our first services will take place
- Protection against local covens that spiritually attack local churches and Christians

1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.



LINDY CLEVELAND

Unless U
Birmingham, Alabama

Pray for:

- Expansion of Post Place by serving five more students and their families this semester. (At Post Place, the students are provided with small group instruction focusing on academics, life skills, social skills, and fine arts activities. These students receive one-on-one services and grow in their social, educational, and emotional skills, while most importantly, learning more about the incredible love that Christ has for us.)

John 15:4,12

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me ... This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.



CHRISTIAN ROWLAND

New Song Community Church
Vancouver, British Columbia

Pray for:

- The salvation of the neighbors in our complex
- A location for our church to meet for Sunday worship
- A children's ministry intern
- Leadership development and multiplication of small groups
- Transformational discipleship among Trinity Western University students
- Healthy churches to be planted throughout Metro Vancouver

Revelation 5:9

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You ... for by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.



MARTIN YOUNG

Rising Brook Church
Stafford, England

Pray for:

- The strengthening of faith and spiritual health for every member of the church
- Those who are reached by our community outreach ministries that they would know the love of God
- Focus and faith for the church locations that target certain localities or areas of society such as the deaf community, the online community and neighborhoods of Cannock and Highfields

Ephesians 3:14-16

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being.

PRAYING
FOR OUR
EVENT



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Pray for logistics surrounding each of the events planned for Global Impact Celebration 2022.

2

Pray for Jimmy Scroggins as he preaches in the Wednesday evening Kick-Off.

3

Pray for Bryant Wright as he preaches in our Sunday morning services.

4

Pray for The Spirit to anoint every part of GIC so as to bring glory to God and fulfill His purposes for 2022.

DAY FIFTEEN



JIM MCFARLAND

**Urban Purpose
Birmingham, Alabama**

Pray for:

- The deepening of relationships and witness opportunities with the men and women we serve at the Compound and in our weekly Bible study
- The continuing progress of the men and women we work with on a one-on-one basis, the staff and that God be glorified in our work with the poor and needy
- Our leadership as we re-assess the location of the Compound in the next 2-3 years (considering purchasing a different building or new construction)
- God's guidance to open a women's transitional home in 2022

Matthew 25:35-36

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.



KEVIN NAYLOR

**Antioch Community Church
Birmingham, Alabama**

Pray for:

- Our new disciple-making systems (Campus Interns and Timothies) to produce new life-long disciple makers
- 20 baptisms this year
- Us to be able to become self-governing, self-sustaining, and self-propagating in 2023

Hebrews 3:1

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confessions.



TERRY SLAWSON

**Seeker Springs
Monroe, Louisiana**

Pray for:

- Wisdom, discernment and steadfastness during time of transition

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.



CAROLYN POTTER

The WellHouse
Birmingham, Alabama

Pray for:

- Women and children that are rescued from the horrors of human trafficking and that many are led to The WellHouse and ultimately to Christ
- The staff of The Wellhouse as they minister and share Christ with the residents - that they are provided a fresh measure of grace each day to persevere

Psalm 82:4

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.



YALE WALL

Living Faith Church
Indianapolis, Indiana

Pray for:

- Our new Irvington location as we start weekly services in the coming months
- Our Near West location as we start afresh after sending a large section of our church to Irvington
- The Wall family as they go on a sabbatical this summer

Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

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ROMANS 10:14-15

HOW THEN WILL THEY CALL ON HIM IN WHOM THEY HAVE NOT BELIEVED? AND HOW ARE THEY TO BELIEVE IN HIM OF WHOM THEY HAVE NEVER HEARD? AND HOW ARE THEY TO HEAR WITHOUT SOMEONE PREACHING? AND HOW ARE THEY TO PREACH UNLESS THEY ARE SENT? AS IT IS WRITTEN, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS!"

