

# MOUNT VERNON *on* MISSION



## You'll be my witnesses...

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Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth." As we step into February, we are reminded that our call to be Christ's witnesses reaches both near and far. Sometimes that witness looks like sharing a kind word across the table. Other times, it looks like placing God's Word into hands around the world or faithfully praying for those who have never heard the name of Jesus. This month, we highlight two meaningful ways we live out that calling. Through **Gideons International**, God's Word is being faithfully placed into hands across the globe, planting seeds of truth and hope. We are also emphasizing intentional prayer during **Ramadan**, asking the Lord to reveal Himself to Muslims who are seeking. Whether we give, go, or pray—we are part of His mission to the ends of the earth.

## MISSION Emphasis

### Understanding Ramadan

Muslims around the world observe Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar, as a time of fasting, prayer, and spiritual focus. Through fasting, giving, & reading the Qur'an, they seek deeper awareness of Allah and growth in devotion.

Near the end of Ramadan, many observe the "Night of Power," remembering when they believe Muhammad first received revelation. Because the exact date is unknown, many pray earnestly during the final days.

Ramadan is a season of heightened spiritual awareness, making it an important time for us to pray-for God to reveal Himself, and for those serving among Muslim communities to have open doors for gospel conversations.



### A Call to Prayer During Ramadan

February 17-March 19

From sunrise to sundown during Ramadan, Muslims fast from food & drink as an expression of devotion and submission.

This season reflects a deep desire for acceptance and closeness to God. As believers, we know acceptance comes through Christ and that hope is within reach. Join us in praying for the 1.8 billion Muslims worldwide—that they would encounter God's love, discover their worth in their Creator, and find true spiritual fulfillment.

Ramadan Prayer Guides for praying for Muslims will be available at the Missions Point & [mountvernon.church/missions](http://mountvernon.church/missions).

We invite you to pick one up & join us in prayer that many discover the love & peace found in Christ.

## MISSION Reflections

### MOUNT VERNON *on* MISSION ABF Mission Activities

#### ABF Outreach Highlights

The **Afterglow ABF** faithfully supported our mission partner, Bloom PRC, through an incredible collection effort last month.

In honor of Jesus, they gathered 2,524 diapers, 3,372 wipes, eight gift baskets, over 132 clothing items, and numerous baby essentials. These tangible gifts will directly impact families in our community, meeting practical needs while pointing them to the hope of Christ.

We are grateful for a class committed to advancing the mission locally. Thank you, **Afterglow ABF** for living out Christ's love in such a tangible way. These acts of generosity are a powerful reminder that when God's people come together, hope is multiplied.

## MISSION Partner Spotlight



### The Gideons International

The **Gideons International** is an association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments.

Their single mission is to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ by strengthening one another, sharing the Gospel message, and distributing copies of God's Word in hotels, hospitals, shelters, and other places where people often seek hope.

Gideons International has 125+ years of winning others for Jesus Christ. Our global networks presents unique opportunities to quickly and efficiently reach people in some 200 countries, territories, and possessions with the hope of the Gospel.

Contact the Richmond Northwest Gideon Camp:  
email: [GideonsRVA@aol.com](mailto:GideonsRVA@aol.com)

## MISSIONARY of the Month



### Joey Mirabile

President of Richmond Northwest Gideon Camp

Joey Mirabile is a member of MVBC and owns Joey's Hotdogs. He shares his story of how he got started with the Gideons:

*In March 2022 I was encouraged by a message at church to "Listen and be obedient". I was seeking what the Lord wanted me to do next. I run a Christian business, keep a prayer list for the general public. I lead a couple of Bible studies. I go to church regularly, have always tithe respectfully. What else does He want me to do? I was called to join the Gideons when I read the Great Commission during a men's Bible study. One evening when I sat on the side of my bed, I picked up a little Gideon New Testament that has been sitting on my nightstand. Honestly, I don't even know where it came from. After referring to it time after time again, I got curious to find out so I visited [gideons.org](http://gideons.org). As soon as I went to the website I spoke to my wife and told her "honey, I have to join the Gideons." It was a very clear calling from the Lord. My wife and I enjoy this ministry together and have been involved in many local outreach efforts. I am currently serving as President of the Richmond Northwest Gideon camp and have been blessed to travel internationally. I visited DRC Congo in 2024, Malaysia in 2025, and am getting ready to go on my third international trip to Limpopo, South Africa in April 2026. This is indeed my "happy place" and there is no doubt in my mind that this is where the Lord wants me to be.*

*"The Gospel Is our Mission"*

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## MOUNT VERNON *on* MISSION Prayer

Paul & Cass Gregory's  
Mexico Mission Trip • February 13-20  
Ramadan Prayer Emphasis

Wednesdays • 4PM-5PM • M106  
Praying for missions & ministries of the church.  
Everyone is welcome.