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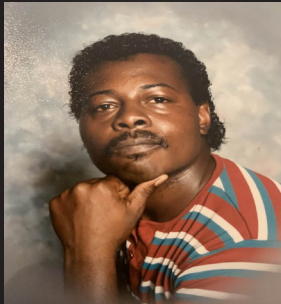
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Throwback



Name that deacon, usher, and worship singer?

In the Beginning God Pastor Nick Kim

In February we went back to the beginning which started In the Beginning God. All beginnings, rather its dedicating a newborn baby, a wedding, or a ministry should start that way. It should start with God. Our church started that way when a small group met in Pastor Queen's apartment nearly a half century ago. Wherever God takes us and in whatever we do, we want it to start with God.

The 4 pillars of our church stand tall in our sanctuary. They are Prayer, Worship, Discipleship, and Mission. Our mission strategy is based on Acts 1:8 which says, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Missions is in the DNA of who we are as a church. We're ministering in our community six to seven days every week. We're sending groups to Dallas, TX and Indianapolis, IN this year. We also have teams going to South Africa and Southeast Asia. Our worship leader Mike Choby recently served in South America. We have missionaries sent from this church or that we help support, throughout the world. The banners in our sanctuary remind us of our legacy of sharing the name of Jesus Christ with the world. When you begin with God, you not only have the best start but an incredible journey. What about you? Have you joined Him on Mission?



UBC on mission in Los Angeles



UBC on mission in Tanzania

In His Service
Barb Ziermann



Barb left UBC to serve as a missionary in eastern Asia. After returning home, she did not retire from serving the Lord. She serves in our church office, regularly reaches out to visitors and is a dependable prayer warrior.

How did UBC prepare you to do orphan care in East Asia?

UBC helped me to understand more about poverty. I was introduced to people from different backgrounds and languages. UBC taught me what it was like not to have enough resources, but it also showed me how to be diligent and empathetic to those who have even less.

What obstacles did God help you overcome?

Learning another language and serving overseas later in life.

What is your favorite memory from the mission field?

I worked with 46 local staff. I had read books on the area I was serving in. I knew from that, the Lisu group was mostly Christian so I chose my staff from that group.

How'd you know that God wanted you to serve in E. Asia?

When I was a kid, I was a picky eater. My mom would try to get me to eat spinach by telling me there were orphans in Asia that would love spinach. That stuck with me and God made a way for me to go. I had worked in the Cabrini Green. The woman that interviewed me said if I could work there, I could work anywhere.

You are known to be a prayer warrior. Why is prayer important?

God can remind us of all kinds of things as we engage in prayer. I love when the Lord reminds me of different scriptures and I pray those back to God.

Interview by Pastor Mark Jones

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Elder Doug Nguyen

March 3-10 is the annual Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The offering was started in 1895 by the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) to benefit the work of the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board). In 1934, it was named in honor of Annie Armstrong, a bold missions advocate and WMU's first national executive leader. Today, more than \$2 billion has been donated to Southern Baptist Churches and individuals. Every dollar given goes to train and resource almost 3,000 missionaries and their families involved in church planting and compassion ministries who share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ across the United States, Canada, and their territories.

UBC's goal for this year's Annie Armstrong Offering is \$3,000.

"We have an amazing group of missionaries who are all about taking the Gospel to hard to reach places in North America" said Kevin Ezell (NAMB President). "Im grateful for each one of them and the sacrifices they and their families have made to follow God's calling"

Sandy Wisdom-Martin (Exec. Director & Treasurer) of the the WMU said, "For 134 years, WMU has been passionate about praying for and supporting our North American missionaries. The wonder of God's plan is that it continues to unfold throughout eternity and He invites us to join Him. As Christian believers, our mission is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our responsibility lies in choosing how we will become involved in His mission." For more information on the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, visit anniearmstrong.com.



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