

# MISSIONAL LIVING CONFERENCE

Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church Sunday, February 23—Wednesday, February 26

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#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

#### 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 am:

Worship Services with Guest Preacher Stephen Jones

#### 9:45 am and 11:00 am:

Global Partners in Sunday School Breakout Seminars

# 5:15 - 6:00 pm:

International Potluck (Fellowship Hall)

#### 6:15 - 7:15 pm:

Worship with Guest Worship Leaders and Guest Speaker Stephen Jones (Sanctuary) 6:00-7:15 pm Nursery (Crib – K3) & K4-4th grade kids program available \*Please register

#### 7:15 - 8:00 pm:

Global Partner Exhibit Hall (Commons)

# MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 (\*\*Register for Monday Events by Thursday Feb. 20\*\*)

#### 11:30 am:

PrimeTime Lunch with Global Partners (Fellowship Hall) \*Please register

#### 12:00 pm:

Young Adult Lunch with Global Partners (Community House) \*Please register

#### 5:30 - 7:00 pm:

Women's Event with Guest Worship Leader Amanda Noel

& Guest Speaker Stephen Jones (Fellowship Hall) \*Please register

Nursery (Crib - K3) & K4-4th grade kids program available

# 7:30 - 9:00 pm:

Men's Event with Guest Speaker Stephen Jones

& Guest Worship Leader Jonathan Noel (13 Stripes Brewery) \*Please register

# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 (\*\*Register for Wednesday Events by Sunday, Feb. 23\*\*)

## 12:00 pm:

Lunch - Life and Ministry in a Post-Christian Culture (Community House) \*Please register

#### 6:00 - 7:30 pm:

Catered Dinner & Global Partner Panel (Fellowship Hall) \*Please register

**ADULTS** 

6:00 - 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall for full event

YOUTH (5th-12th)

5:30 - 6:15 pm Optional Pizza Dinner (Youth Center)

6:15 - 7:30 pm Global Partner Panel (Fellowship Hall. Hall)

KIDS (Crib - 4th)

6:00 - 7:30 pm Nursery (Crib - K3) & K4 - 4th grade kids program available

# 7:30 - 8:15 pm:

Global Partner Exhibit Hall (Commons)





# MEET OUR SPEAKER— REV. STEPHEN JONES

Stephen and Charity Jones have spent 16 years in overseas ministry, including 11 years serving London's South Asian community through church planting, counseling, and leadership development. In 2018, they launched a multilingual counseling ministry in London. Their counsellors have given over 4,300 sessions in 13 languages and awarded more than \$200,000 in scholarships funded by internal fees. Stephen also pastors New Life Suwarta Sangat Church. In 2022, they established Counselling Global, a nonprofit that trains counsellors, supports vulnerable clients, serves the South Asian church and funds global missions. Stephen enjoys spending lots of time with his wife and three children: King (14), Eden (13), and Boaz (10). His favorite hobbies are laughing, eating spicy food and finding sun.

# MEET OUR GUEST WORSHIP LEADERS— JONATHAN & AMANDA NOEL

Jonathan and Amanda Noël have spent nearly three decades sharing their music through recordings and live events, performing in theaters and leading worship in chapels. Passionate songwriters, some of their songs have appeared on Grammy and Dove award winning albums. They've been pleased to write, perform, tour, and/or record with such diverse artists as Fernando Ortega, Andrew Peterson, Jill Phillips, Wendell Kimbrough, Taylor Leonhart, Charlie Peacock, Jars of Clay, Ron Block, Andy Gullahorn, Margaret Becker, The Choir, Buddy Greene, Indelible Grace, and many more.



# MISSIONAL LIVING CONFERENCE INFORMATION

# International Potluck

Registration only needed for childcare

That's right! It is time to dust off your favorite recipe card and show off your kitchen skills (or warm up some chicken nuggets)! Bring a dish to share in a disposable pan—something International or American. Drinks and pizza will be provided. *Kids (crib to 4th grade) will eat dinner with their families and then transition downstairs at 6:00 pm for a Kids Program of their own!* 

# PrimeTime (Senior Adult) Lunch

Please register (\$8)

PrimeTimers, join us for a special lunch with our Global Partners on Monday at 11:30 am! We will gather together for fellowship, prayer, and in person ministry updates.

# Young Adult Lunch

Please register (\$10)

Young Adults are invited to the Community House for a special lunch with our Global Partners at noon on Monday. Learn about creative opportunities for the younger generation to lead in missional living here in Greenville and around the world.

#### Women's Dinner Event

Please register

Monday evening, all women are invited to gather at Mitchell Road in the Fellowship Hall for a time of spiritual and physical nourishment. We will have dinner catered from Tazikis and there will be time carved out to fellowship and hear encouragement from Stephen Jones. Guest worship leaders, Amanda Noel, will lead us in a time of worship to close out the evening. For children of moms attending the women's gathering, we will have a party for kids (crib to 4th grade)! We will serve Chick-fil-a and have lots of fun from 5:30-7pm.

Men's Event Please register

On Monday night, men are invited to come to a private event at 13 Stripes Brewery for appetizers, worship led by Jonathan Noel, and a challenge from Stephen Jones on taking the next steps as men to live on mission right here in Greenville and reaching out to the world. Appetizers are provided for all men that register in advance. Beverages will be at your own expense.

# Lunch-Life and Ministry in a Post-Christian Culture

Please register

On Wednesday at noon, all are invited to join Jeremy M. in the Community House for lunch as he leads a discussion on life and ministry in a post-Christian culture. He will bring experiences from his time in Southall, West London.

# Global Partner Panel and Catered Dinner (no cost)

Please register

Wednesday night we will share a catered meal and we will hear a panel of Global Partners sharing how God is working in and through them as they seek to live on mission in their unique cross-cultural context. Kids (crib to 4th grade) will check-in downstairs at 6:00 pm, eat dinner, and enjoy a Kids Program of their own! Youth 5th—12th grade are invited to a pizza dinner in the Youth Center and then will join the Global Partner Panel.

#### "I'd Love to Volunteer!"

Email ckittel@mitchellroad.org

Wonderful! A lot of helping hands are needed to make this weekend possible. Please email Colette Kittel to find out the best way for you to serve!

# Go Explore the Exhibit Hall!

No registration needed

Each Global Partner and Local Outreach Partner will have a table set up in the Commons Area. Adults and children will both have the opportunity to stop by these tables throughout the week and learn about these ministries! On Sunday night and Wednesday night, kids and youth passports will be available to help them be able to interact with all the different Global and Local Partners.

# What About My Children?

It is so important for our children to know that missions is the very heart of God!

- MR Kids programs will be available for Sunday night, Monday night and Wednesday night for all ages crib to 4th grade.
- Please register your children for conference events when you register yourself.
- We will use our normal check-in procedures. Parents will drop off and pick up children.
- Sunday morning childcare will run as usual with Global Partners visiting during the 9:45 am hour.

Register | mitchellroad.org/mlc

# MEET OUR 2025 LOCAL PARTNERS IN ATTENDANCE

We are proud to partner with many local ministry partners—many of whom will be here for the conference. Please be sure to stop by their tables in the Commons Area throughout the conference!

















# **BECAUSE I AM SENT I WILL CHOOSE TO:**

"As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you," (John 20:21).

# GO

I want to take the next step to serve locally or globally cross-culturally.

- Volunteer with a MR local outreach partner.
  - Commit to go on a mission trip.

# **GIVE**

I want to invest financially in the work of MRPC to reach the world.

• Give to our Missionary Support Offering (MSO)

# **CARE**

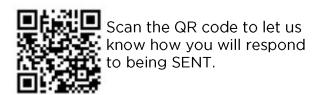
I want to deepen our relationship with our global partners.

- Pray regularly for our global partners.
- Adopt a global partner to develop a more personal relationship.

# **SHARE**

I want to intentionally live on mission with the people around me.

- Participate in the NEW Relational Evangelism Training class.
- Add a person's name to our prayer list of people we want to see come to faith.



# **GLOBAL PARTNER BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

# Sunday Morning at 9:45 am

# Loving the Forcibly Displaced (Word Relief) – *Learning Commons*

Refugee resettlement is a hot button topic right now. What should Christians know about the plight of refugees? How can we demonstrate the love of Christ to those displaced?

# Ministry in a Post-Christian Context (Keith Knowlton) - B111

Exploring how to faithfully and effectively communicate the Christian faith to the next generation in an age of growing hostility toward the gospel.

## Where Is God in the Pain? (Tohru I.) - R102

Six days before Christmas, my friend died in a bombing in Sudan. What do I do with that? How do we live missionally through pain?

# Storytelling and the Gospel (Ben Nihart) - R104

Understanding the power of story and how to communicate the gospel in a way the current generations can understand, be transformed by, and communicate this great truth.

#### Reaching the Marginalized (Greg & Tricia Baney) - R105

How do our social, cultural, and economic positions shape our encounter with God and our understanding of Scripture? If Christ walked the earth today, where would He be? Discover the sacred, unexpected spaces where God is found—on the margins.

# Creativity and the Kingdom: The Power of Arts in Global Missions (Jamie & Jen Burkemper) - *R106*

Art transcends language, ignites curiosity, and builds connection. Discover how it creates a welcoming space for seekers, students, and creatives to explore faith through meaningful conversations.

# What Does It Take to Be a Missionary? (Aaron & Amy Speitelsbach) - R107

Can only adventurous people be missionaries? What happens after the excitement wears off--an honest look at living on mission in the jungles of Africa and how that may apply to your life.

# Work and Missions (Tom N.) - R202

Is work merely neutral or a necessary evil, or is it part of God's good plan? Am I committed to Christ at work or to my work in Christ? Explore these questions through a biblical perspective on God's calling.

# **GLOBAL PARTNER BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

# Sunday Morning at 9:45 am (continued)

# The Need for Church Planting (Gary Watanabe) - R203

Discover why church planting is essential for global missions and how new churches bring the Gospel to unreached communities, transforming lives and cultures.

# Sunday Morning at 11:00 am

# How Bearing One Another's Burdens Becomes Contagious through STM Trips (Byron & Inez Ahina) - *B111*

How does God continue to inspire His people after short-term mission trips? See how these trips have transformed rural churches, home recipients, and U.S. teams—leading to lasting growth and service over the past 20 years in the Yucatan.

# Enter the Darkness Armed with the Gospel (SWITCH) - R102

Coercion, blackmail, and drugs are all tools human sex traffickers use to entrap young women (and men) into prostitution, pornography, and stripping. How do we combat the darkness of this evil armed only with the love of Christ? Come learn how Christians are using the Gospel to enter these spaces and how a survivor of sex trafficking is able to say that, "I met God in a strip club!"

# On Mission at Home - Helping the Homeless (Miracle Hill) - R104

There is a mission field right here in Greenville. The homeless in our community are almost at every turn we make when walking or driving around the city. Who are these people? How did they get this way? More importantly, what can I do for them and how can I minister to them? This session answers these questions and more.

#### The Salvation of Mass Incarceration (Soteria) - R105

The challenges facing someone released from years of imprisonment are daunting. Just restoring a drivers' license is a massive undertaking. How then, can someone see and understand the love and redemption of Christ while struggling to understand the complexities of red tape? Come hear from Jerry Blassingame of just how this is achieved.

# Cross-Cultural Ministry Panel (Greg Baney, Leah E., Moe Montenegro, Ben Nihart) - Sanctuary

With the growing number of internationals in Greenville, how can we best intentionally share the Gospel and serve communities across cultural boundaries, recognizing and respecting differences in language, customs, and worldview but with a compelling witness for Christ?

# MISSION SUPPORT OFFERING-GIVE

The Missionary Support Offering (MSO) is our primary financial support for our Global Partners. This is an over-and-above tithe offering given by our church family and provides for our Global Partners. Our current year goal is \$350K. You can give online at *mitchellroad.org/give* or by check indicating MSO.



