

On Mission *With Bellevue*

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Lost People in Our Nation

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Bellevue family.

This past year has moved so fast, and it's hard to believe Missions Week 2025 is here! In 2024 we learned how to engage in the missionary task here in Memphis. Our focus on Cordova, compassion ministry, and church development has increased, and we continually search out ways to invest in the redemption of the people of our community.

While our love for Memphis is unchanged, this year we turn our attention to our nation to address the lostness in the United States. Our beautifully diverse nation has more than 340 million people who call it home. Each person has a story, and each person has value in the eyes of God. Yet in this place where everyone has the freedom to hear the Gospel, some 250 million people are lost.

Although these numbers are difficult to comprehend, we must not lose sight of the role our church plays in taking the hope of Jesus across the nation. In the pages that follow, you

will learn about our national missions strategy and how you can engage in reaching our country with the Gospel.

Church planting is the foundation of our strategy because we believe evangelism and discipleship are most effective in the context of a healthy local church. As believers gather and live as salt and light, they will help slow the decay of sin and dispel the darkness where they live, work, and play. We desire to partner with and help plant healthy, multiplying churches in the darkest regions of our nation. As you read this magazine, ask the Lord to reveal to you how He wants to use you to take the hope of the Gospel to our nation.

Bellevue Missions



The National *Need*

The United States of America
Population:

**340 million
people**

26.51% evangelical Christians =

**250 million
people**

without Christ in the U.S.¹



7% of Denver's population (4.8 million) identify as Christians.³



New York state is home to more than 19 million people, but only 10% of the population is considered evangelical Christian.^{5,6}

91%

of people in the Pacific Northwest do not have a relationship with Jesus.

90%

of evangelicals in the Pacific Northwest have never shared the Gospel.²

523
98

Out of the 523 people groups that live in our nation, 98 groups have not been reached with the Gospel.¹

National Missions Strategy

“It is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.”
1 Timothy 4:10

Church planting is Bellevue’s primary strategy for taking the hope of Jesus across the United States. Why church planting?

“The vigorous, continual planting of new congregations is the single most crucial strategy for (1) the numerical growth of the body of Christ in a city and (2) the continual corporate renewal and revival of the existing churches in a city. Nothing else—not crusades, outreach programs, parachurch ministries, growing megachurches, congregational consulting, nor church renewal processes—will have the consistent impact of dynamic, extensive church planting.” —Tim Keller

To reach our nation with the Gospel, the United States needs healthy churches focused on evangelizing and making disciples. Bellevue can be part of what God is doing in our nation by partnering with churches across the country that are reaching their communities with the Gospel. These partnerships help reach people in the unreached regions of our country that would otherwise remain lost and without Christ.



Pacific Northwest

Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Western Montana, and Northern California

Our Church Plant Partners:

Valley Life Church

Columbia Falls, Montana

Living Hope Church

Medford, Oregon

Partner Update: Last October Delaney Jones and a group of Bellevue’s college students partnered with Living Hope to evangelize students at Southern Oregon University. There, Delaney learned how living her faith with boldness and humility can transform lives both near and far.

“It’s shown me that the students on the University of Memphis campus are my mission field,” Delaney said. **“So many of them need Jesus, and so many of them just need someone to teach them how to pray, how to read the Bible, and how to engage in the world but not become of the world. I now understand that there is a need here in Memphis for Jesus.”**

Scan to learn more about how Bellevue’s partnership with Living Hope is changing lives right here in Memphis!



Southern Baptist Partnerships



Southern Baptist Convention

sbc.net

Bellevue partners with nearly 47,000 other Southern Baptist churches to support missions around the world and mobilize thousands of missionaries each year.



North American Mission Board (NAMB)

namb.net

NAMB equips churches to go to the lost and hurting in their communities and across the continent through compassion ministry, church planting, chaplaincy, and disaster relief.



International Mission Board (IMB)

imb.org

The IMB partners with local churches to empower missionary teams who make disciples and multiply churches among unreached people groups around the world.

West

Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and parts of California and Montana

Our Church Plant Partners:

Rock Springs Baptist Church

Rock Springs, New Mexico

Send Denver

Riverside Church

Denver, Colorado

Partner Update: Bellevue's partnership with Riverside Church helps Pastor Chris Phillips equip his church to be a light in a very dark city.

“When you hear that 95 percent of people here are lost or are spiritually disconnected, you think that I am talking about some overseas country, but I’m not—I’m talking about Denver, Colorado,” Chris said. **“Denver doesn’t need one big church; Denver needs more churches that reach their communities. That’s why we want to plant churches that plant churches.”**

Scan to read more about our partnership with Riverside Church!

East

New York, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania

Our Church Plant Partners:

Living Water Church

Poughkeepsie, New York

Impacto Charlotte

Charlotte, North Carolina



Dear Bellevue family,

In our country we are blessed to freely worship and proclaim the goodness of Jesus' name. However, there are many Americans who turn away from God to follow their own path.

Across this nation, the enemy is hard at work causing division and chaos among us. There are communities grappling with brokenness, hopelessness, and spiritual emptiness. Our nation needs Jesus, and during Missions Week 2025 we are highlighting ways you can reach the nation while living on mission.

Let us partner with our brothers and sisters in Christ across America to shed light into the cities of Denver, Charlotte, Medford, and more by fulfilling the Great Commission and praying for God to bring revival across this great nation. I pray you will consider how God is calling you to be part of this mission. Missions is not limited to going overseas—it begins right here at home. Whether it's through prayer, giving, or going, each of us has a role to play in bringing the light of Jesus to our nation.

Thank you for your heart for the Lord and your passion to spread the Good News in Memphis and beyond. Together, let's further God's kingdom, one city at a time.

3 John 2,

Bw. Steve



Send Out Training Highlight: Leah Ginion

Bellevue's Send Out Training provided Leah Ginion with in-depth teaching and hands-on experience in how to share the Gospel with others. Through this training, she was prepared for when God called her to Medford, Oregon.

"It was nice to know that Bellevue not only sent me out, but they cared enough to prepare me to be sent out," Leah said. "It's comforting to know that I have people all the way back in Memphis who genuinely care about my mission here in Medford."

Scan to learn more about Leah's story and the impact of Send Out Training!

How Can I Get Involved?



Scan for our 2025 missions prayer guide!

Pray

bellevue.org/pray

It all starts here. One of the most powerful tools we can use to further God's kingdom is prayer. Just like Paul encouraged the first believers to pray for him on his missionary journeys, God exhorts us to pray fervently for those carrying the Good News to the lost. Pray that the Lord will raise more workers for the harvest in our country.



Scan to give to Bellevue's World Missions Offering!

Give

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Did you know that your tithes support missionaries around the world? Each year Bellevue allocates approximately \$1.7 million from our general budget and special offerings to support missions, ministries, and missionaries at home and abroad. You can also give to the 2024 Love Offering to continue investing in how we raise up and send out workers for the harvest.



Scan for more information about upcoming missions opportunities!

Go

bellevue.org/go

Engaging in missions can vary depending on the person, but everyone can take one more step of obedience. Short-term, mid-term, and long-term missions opportunities exist locally, nationally, and internationally. Seek the Lord's call for your life! Need help getting started? Send Out Training helps you discern God's call and equips you for missions on a deeper level. Be part of what the Lord is doing through our church in missions—visit bellevue.org/send to get started!



Disaster Relief

As we look at the nation, we must recognize that natural disasters have the potential to affect multitudes of people at any moment in any place. The tragedy of disaster brings people together to serve one another, and as believers, we want to be prepared to serve those in need. Last September, Hurricane Helene hit Western North Carolina and East Tennessee, causing \$70 billion in damage and 216 deaths. The destruction this storm caused is difficult to comprehend, but the Church must act. When the Church steps in, we bring so much more than supplies and volunteers. We bring hope—the hope of Christ—and this hope will last for an eternity.

Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief estimates that the reconstructing and remodeling of homes affected by Helene will take at least two years. In the wake of the hurricane our church gave generously, and now it is time to go. In 2025 we will host trainings and send teams to help in the efforts to rebuild.

For more information about Bellevue's Disaster Relief efforts, call the Missions office at (901) 347-5530.



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