



GBC Mission Moment MAY 2026: *Bill Loveridge*

CONGRATULATIONS to Caleb, Hannah, Haddy, Knox, and now baby Nicaea May who made her appearance on April 26, 2026 at 11:28AM - 6 lbs. 15 oz.

Caleb and Hannah, who currently reside in Coalinga, are preparing for the mission field as part of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE).

ABWE is an independent Baptist missions agency, founded in 1927, that focuses on global church planting, training leaders, and evangelism supporting over 900 missionaries across dozens of countries. Their stated mission is to fulfill the Great Commission by helping local churches send missionaries to plant churches and multiply leaders.

Give some thought to a missionary's life. What is it like? What sacrifices? What hardships? What day-to-day issues are there? One can only imagine unless one seeks to know. It is important for us to know so that we can direct our prayers. I encourage you to check out ABWE's website (abwe.org) and explore the pages for devotions, testimonies, and articles. You'll start getting answers to those questions!

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Below is ABWE's "Prayers For Missionaries" — Use these guidelines for all of our missionaries.

1. **Protection and Safety:** Pray for the physical safety and well-being of the missionary and their family, asking for God's protection in their travels, daily activities, and interactions with people in unfamiliar environments.
2. **Guidance and Wisdom:** Pray that the missionary would have clarity and discernment in their decision-making, as they navigate cultural differences, language barriers, and various challenges in their mission work.
3. **Spiritual Strength:** Pray for the missionary's spiritual resilience and growth, asking that they would remain steadfast in their faith, find strength in the midst of difficulties, and be filled with the Holy Spirit to effectively carry out their mission.
4. **Favor and Open Doors:** Pray for favor and open doors for the missionary to connect with the local community, government officials, and influential individuals who can support their mission and provide opportunities for impact.
5. **Language Acquisition:** Pray that the missionary would quickly learn and understand the local language, enabling effective communication and the ability to share the gospel with clarity and cultural sensitivity.
6. **Relationships and Connections:** Pray for the development of deep, meaningful relationships between the missionary and the local people, that they may be able to build trust, establish connections, and effectively share God's love.
7. **Provision and Resources:** Pray for God's provision of financial resources, necessary supplies, and logistical support for the missionary's needs, ensuring they have what they require to carry out their mission effectively.
8. **Healing and Restoration:** Pray for the physical, emotional, and spiritual healing of the people the missionary encounters, asking for God's transformative power to bring hope, restoration, and salvation.
9. **Unity and Cooperation:** Pray for unity and cooperation among the missionary teams, local believers, and other ministries involved — that they may work together harmoniously, supporting and encouraging one another in their mission efforts.

Prayer is a powerful tool and, by interceding on behalf of missionaries, you play a vital role in their mission.

• Tom & Gina Dickerson, Malawi

- Larry & Deb Dubin, Florida
- Caleb & Family ABWE
- Bobby & Noemi Pino, Philippines
- Pastor Sergio Quinones, Lemoore
- Aspect Ministries, Fresno (Mike Bogart)

- Crossroads Pregnancy Center, Hanford
- HeartCry Missionary Society
- Lemoore Christian Aid
- Venture Church Network
- Nihad, Bethlehem