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**GUIDE FOR AN  
INTERACTIVE  
NIGHT OF  
PRAYER FOR  
NORTH  
AMERICAN  
MISSIONS**

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# A Guide To: Taste and See What the Lord is Doing through North American Missions

“God is bringing the  
nations of the world to  
America... The need for  
chapels and other aid...is  
immediate.”

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG**  
1850-1938



This guide is meant to provide ideas for an Interactive Night of Prayer for North American Missions. The premise for this night is that groups would rotate through prayer stations set up for each ministry and experience missions through all five senses. Ideally, a table would be provided for each missionary or missionary couple with some of the multi-sensory options listed in this guide or your group could get creative yourselves and come up with more ideas!

We suggest that you rotate tables and taste, touch, smell or see first, and then read aloud the prayer requests of the missionaries and pray together with two to three to a table.

If you so choose, you could serve all of the foods at once and then individuals could take their plate from station to station and sample the food that goes with the missionary at their table as they rotate.

Please feel free to reference our missions shake up page for recipes and videos! <https://www.wmunc.org/monthly-missions-shakeup>

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## ITAMAR ELIZALDE: NEW HOPE IN THE WAKE OF STORMS



Itamar Elizalde says Puerto Rico is an island that just can't catch a break. In the past seven years, it's faced an economic crisis, two major hurricanes, a political scandal, six weeks of non-stop earthquakes and the COVID-19 pandemic.

But God is using that great need to open doors for the gospel. In her work as NAMB's Send Relief ministry coordinator, Itamar mobilizes local churches and leads volunteer teams to repair homes and help people in crisis. And as she does, she connects with people in need of real, lasting hope.

"The Lord has used tragedy to awaken the hearts of many on the island who previously placed their hope in money, health and stability and can now see how fleeting it all is in light of the solid-rock hope found in the gospel," Itamar said.

### Prayer Requests

- For Itamar's teams to share boldly as they meet physical needs.
- For hearts to be open to the gospel and for more missionaries to join the work.

### Taste and Smell Options:

Goya products are a staple of Latin American cuisine and are available everywhere from the dollar tree to the local super market.

Goya Passion Fruit Juice

Goya Cookies

Goya Salsa with Chips

Another taste option: Rice and Beans recipe on our Missions Shake Up page:

<https://www.wmunc.org/monthly-missions-shakeup>

### Visual Options:

NAMB VIDEO- <https://www.anniearmstrong.com/resource/itamar-elizalde-new-hope-in-the-wake-of-storms/>

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# JARED & JENNIFER HUNTLEY: DEPLOYED FOR CHRIST

Jared and Jennifer Huntley had a heart for military personnel long before they launched Pillar Church of Washington, D.C. Jared had served in the Army and knows firsthand how difficult it can be to navigate the unique challenges of the military culture—especially without Christ.

Now the couple is discipling and equipping military personnel and their families to follow Christ, share the gospel and be missionaries if they are moved to other bases or deployed.

Jared says to him, it's a “great way to accomplish the Great Commission.”



“They’re already transient,” he said. “If the government is already moving these people all around all over the place naturally, why not ... see that as an opportunity to say, ‘Let’s disciple these families and then they’re going to take the gospel with them everywhere.’”

## Prayer Requests

- For Jared and Jennifer to have favor on military bases and in the community.
- For God to open hearts among military personnel and grow them in their faith so that they can go as missionaries to their future assignments.

## Visuals:

NAMB video: <https://www.anniearmstrong.com/resource/jared-jennifer-huntley-deployed-for-christ/>  
A small American flag

## Touch:

Coins- Take some American coin currency and make a sign to remind participants that the United States Mint is in Washington DC and each coin is printed with “In God We Trust”. Pray for the people of DC and our US Military to trust in God with their whole lives and may it not just be a saying on a coin to them.

## Taste and Smell Options:

Think American! What could be more American than apple pie, chocolate chip cookies, a Coke or Pepsi?

Easy no crust apple pie recipe (double the recipe for a crowd):<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/24117/grammies-no-crust-apple-pie/?printview>

# BRIANNA MCKINNEY: SHOWING LOVE TO A LONELY CITY

Brianna McKinney says for many people Denver is a lonely place. For community, they might go to a coffee shop where they're surrounded by others — but they're still alone.

And the chances are slim the gospel will make it into their personal space. The city only has one evangelical church for every 32,000 people. To put that in perspective, there's one marijuana dispensary for every 2,000 people and one brewery for every 7,000.

But through the ministry center where Brianna serves as a journeyman, she and her teammates are seeing relationships built and people saved as they work alongside missionaries and church plants. They're reaching out to a nearby refugee school, ministering to the homeless, mobilizing teams of student volunteers and doing food distribution to families.

This year, "the mission has moved forward," Brianna said. "We are just in need of more laborers."

## Prayer Requests

- For more workers to feel called to Denver to work alongside missionaries and expand their ministries.
- For perseverance for Brianna and her team in Denver who are working to love their city well.

## Visuals:

Adventure Awaits in Denver: <https://youtu.be/O1gX6s3tcs0>

Brianna McKinney NAMB: <https://vimeo.com/645353609>

## Taste and Smell:

Baked Denver Omlette-

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/oven-denver-omelet/print/>

also available on Shake Up page for download <https://www.wmunc.org/monthly-missions-shakeup>





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## AMER & VICKY SAFADI: THE GOSPEL IN THEIR HEART LANGUAGE

Amer and Vicki Safadi weren't sure at first that Cincinnati was where God wanted them to plant a church. They'd been there before, just after leaving the Middle East, and it hadn't been easy.

But then they met Travis Smalley, lead pastor of Lakota Hills Baptist Church, who said his church wanted to come alongside them. And then when the Safadis moved there from Milwaukee, God immediately began putting Arabic-speaking neighbors in their path in providential ways. Within three months of planting a church, they had 55 Arabic-speaking people from eight countries, and new people continue to come through its doors each week.

The livestream ministry they started during the COVID-19 pandemic now reaches Arabic Christians and non-believers around the world.

### Prayer Requests

- For the Safadis to have favor with the Arabic-speaking people they meet and for God to orchestrate those meetings.
- For the Arabic church in Cincinnati to continue to grow in reaching its city and beyond.

### Visuals:

**NAMB VIDEO-** <https://vimeo.com/645365474>

A very quick video about Turkish coffee, a favorite in Arabic speaking cultures:  
<https://youtu.be/vu2c3fHTwA>

### Tastes and Smell:

Set up a coffee or tea bar with spiced black tea or dark roast coffee and sugar for folks to try.

Pour some common spices of the Middle East like Turmeric, coriander or curry into bowls and let participants sample the smells of Middle Eastern culture.

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# MICHAEL & TRACI BYRD: SERVING THE ABANDONED

More than a decade ago, Michael and Traci Byrd moved out of a rough inner-city neighborhood of St. Louis, swearing they'd never go back. But God called them to return and plant Faith Community Bible Church. Their mission is to care for people who feel abandoned, Michael said. The neighborhood, which is 95% African-American, has a high poverty rate, a high crime rate, and mostly single-parent homes. By canvassing the community, the Byrds quickly found their assumptions of needs were different from reality.



Building relationships over shared meals, offering group cooking lessons and even trips to the grocery store have become pathways to meeting needs and discipling new believers. And now Faith Community Bible Church has expanded to a second campus.

“All people have the same heart condition in small towns and in the big urban centers,” Michael said. “We all need the same Jesus.”

## Prayer Requests

- For the Byrds to have wisdom in creatively reaching their neighbors.
- For God to open hearts to the gospel through Faith Community Bible Church.

## Visuals

NAMB VIDEO- <https://vimeo.com/645374593>

Pastor Michael's Message in a Minute:

<https://www.facebook.com/fcbcbstl/videos/682859149408539>

## Taste and Smell-

Check out our recipe for Chicken Noodle Pasta Casserole:

<https://www.wmunc.org/monthly-missions-shakeup>

# Steven & Cindy Martins:

## Seeing the Gospel Move House by House

In the past couple of years, Steven and Cindy Martins have become good at inviting themselves to other people's houses. They've got thousands more they want to visit, but that number is getting smaller.

In the area where they live — the Niagara region of Canada — 89-90% of the population of 400,000 doesn't believe in God. Since planting Sevilla Chapel in 2019, Steven and Cindy have been strategically and intentionally going door to door in the city of St. Catharines. They've been sharing, and people are listening.

Their church — which worships in Spanish and English — is reaching family after family with more than eight countries represented, both Latinos and other ethnicities who find the warmth of the Latino community comforting. "People in our city struggle to find community, satisfaction and hope. That's why God called us here," Steven said.

### Prayer Requests

- *For Sevilla Chapel to continue making disciples in a challenging community*
- *For Steven and Cindy to have favor as they knock on doors and share the gospel.*

#### Visuals:

##### NAMB Video:

<https://vimeo.com/645384839>

A Sevilla Chapel Dual Language Service:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NItsdolzsQ0&t=1s>

##### Alcazar Family Video:

<https://www.anniearmstrong.com/resource/alcazar-family-new-life-in-christ/>

#### Taste and Smell:

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Goya Cookies

Goya Salsa with Chips

