

# RBNet Monthly

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Praying for each other more specifically,  
encouraging one another  
with what the LORD is doing,  
"Rejoicing with those who rejoice,  
weeping with those who weep."

## FROM THE COORDINATOR MISSIONS: RBNet's PRIMARY PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Reformed Baptist Network is cooperation between like-minded churches for the cause of Missions and the spread of the Gospel.

To review and differentiate, here is the variety buffet of potential laborers categorized on our MISSIONS page on our website: <https://reformedbaptistnetwork.com/missions/>

1. RBNet Missionaries – RBNet missionaries are elder-qualified men engaged in the ongoing work of evangelism, church planting and/or church strengthening. This may include home (U.S.) or foreign (non-U.S.) fields, and may include national foreign (non-U.S.) nationals engaged in ongoing missionary work. Example: Jon Ryttersgaard in Barbados

2. RBNet Church Planters – A Church Planter is a man sent / sponsored by a member church, engaged in home (U.S.) missions to plant one new local church in a specific locale, seeking financial and spiritual support for a limited time, until the church plant is self-supporting. Examples: Stay tuned.

3. RBNet Support Missionaries – RBNet support missionaries are those engaged in ongoing missions work, who are not pastors, but are doing kingdom work, supporting and encouraging church planting and/or church strengthening. Example: Ben Killian in Zambia at ACU

4. RBNet National Pastors – A National Pastor is a foreign (non-U.S.) national, pastoring or planting one national church and seeking financial and spiritual support for a limited time for their ministry labors, until the national church is able to be self-supporting. Example: Raul Torres in Juarez, Mexico

5. RBNet Associate Missionaries – Associate Missionaries are individuals subscribing to the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith, who are recommended by, but not directly connected to, a full member church, who want to associate with RBNet for fellowship and counsel. Example: Trevor Johnson in Malaysia

6. RBNet Military Chaplains – RBNet approved chaplains are officially endorsed by the Associated Gospel Churches Example: Chaplain J.S. in the USAF.

May the Lord establish the work of our hands (Psalm 90:7) in seeking to fulfill the Great Commission through these endeavors. 🌍

– Mark Chanski, RBNet Coordinator

## MISSION THOUGHTS



## CHRISTMAS AND MISSIONS

What I have noticed is that some missionaries use the Christmas season as an opportunity for evangelistic outreach. Some have special musical programs and include an evangelistic message. Some who minister to the poor distribute gifts in the name of Jesus. One distributes calendars containing Scripture to thousands of homes. Many advertise their special Christmas service and urge the church members to invite their friends. Another has a “carol service” where the gospel is preached.

However, there are some missionaries who serve in countries where it would be unwise to have public Christmas services let alone advertise one! These dear brother and sisters may need to celebrate behind the closed doors of their homes. But they are committed to preach Christ who left the glories of heaven and took upon Himself flesh (John 1:14).

I write to enlist prayer not only for the special services, but for all the missionaries and national pastors that you know and love at this Christmas season. And remember that you can find the basic information about them this [RBNet Link](#).

We wish a holy and happy Christmas to those we can name and to those we cannot: Maoz, Kortie, Selph, Ryttersgaard, Emadi, Vaughn, Baldwin, AW, DL, Oliveira, Brondo, Molina (Bilma), Johnson, Galyon, Stoley, Brown, Kilian, SB, Torres, Rupertus, Favre, Wenger, Masters.

Then there are some who in a special way support and keep us updated by way of the *Missionary Prayer Guide* and this *RBNet Monthly*. Thank you and Merry Christmas to Coordinator Mark Chanski and Administrative Assistant Chris Bice. 🌍

– Gordon Taylor, RBNet Support



## CHURCH UPDATES

Covenant Baptist Church,  
Lumberton, NJ

John Reuther, Pastor

RBNet welcomed us as a member church at the September 2022 GA. I am enjoying all the new contacts and email reports along with a boost in fellowship with those whom I have known. The Zoom Pastor's Fellowships have been wonderful. The monthly church updates and the monthly missionary prayer guides are filling our weekly prayer meetings.

Since this is our first, let me explain that CBC constituted in December 1985 when I was ordained as the first pastor. I am presently a sole elder, though I have had two men who served with me in the office at different times. We have three capable deacons, Edie Smith, Shiraz Khan, and Walter Kunz, who are an encouragement to the church and me. Our church is ethnically diverse, and we have frequent visitors to our historic church building in our highly visible location. We are 40 minutes northeast of Philadelphia. The CBC church members are always eager to hear the Word taught and preached. We have three services on the Lord's Day, a midweek Bible study (Zoom), a weekly Saturday Men's Breakfast Fellowship I lead, and fellowships for the ladies conducted by our deacons' wife, Laura Khan.

We desire to be restored fully to outreach ministries since the virus has practically subsided. I share these prayer requests.

1. God's provision for another elder (elders) now and for the future.
2. For my pastoral accountability relationship with Pastors Rob Ventura and Jack Buckley in North Providence, RI while I am a sole elder. They are faithful and encouraging brothers to me.
3. Wisdom for our three deacons for effective ministry.
4. That 2023 will be a year of intensified outreach into our community.
5. Teaching opportunities I have with RBS (Holy Spirit) and opportunities that are opening regarding Cessationism. I taught in the FE for nine years but, sadly, that has concluded—that I might be able to use those course materials in other ways. 🌍

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Christ Bible Church,  
Kingsport, TN

Damon Joseph, Pastor

Grace and peace from your Brothers and Sisters in East Tennessee! We thank God for the privilege of joining the network this past September. It was a joy to fellowship with you all and we look forward to the mutual edification and kingdom work together in the coming years!

As I write this letter, we are celebrating another year of God's gracious providence in constituting us as an assembly. We began mid-November 7 years ago and are continually amazed by His grace! We praise God this past year particularly for His continued care for us in supplying an additional elder to take oversight for the body!

With that said, we would ask you to pray for the Lord to strengthen us to remain faithful as we move forward in ministry in 2023. As we have transitioned this year in leadership, the Lord is allowing us to focus more intentionally on aspects that have been previously neglected or overlooked. So, please pray for discernment as we revamp our administrative documents to more appropriately support a Reformed Baptist Church with elder-led polity.

Please pray for us as we seek more opportunity for discipleship both in our corporate gathering as well as small groups. We greatly desire our flock to flourish in the Word, grow closer with one another in fellowship and prayer, as well as equip and cultivate their gifts for the glory of God.

Please pray as we begin and strive to nurture a pattern of corporate evangelism in our body. We desire to reach our community for Christ as well as disciple our members in evangelism.

Finally, please pray as we aim to increase our mission's support this year with an eye and heart to undergird more gospel efforts to the nations as well as prepare to plant a church in the nearby town of Greeneville, TN in 1–2 years.

We thank you for your devotion to God and look forward to praising Him when He answers each of these prayers as well as our prayers for you! 🙏

## CHURCH UPDATES

Faith Bible Church,  
Pataskala, OH

Paul Huston, Pastor

Dear RBNet Brethren,

We at Faith Bible Church have certainly had an eventful year, not least amongst recent happenings our acceptance into RBNet membership. It is a blessing to find unity of both doctrine and love of God in the RBN. Additionally, with the help of RBN, a faithful chaplain attending Faith Bible Church has been able to have his chaplaincy endorsement transferred to an endorsing organization more friendly to the scriptural teachings of reformed doctrine.

We continue, as time and resources permit, to reach out to the local community through hand-addressed, mailed gospel literature. Especially since covid, this way of reaching homes with the gospel is a good option. We have even had a few visitors from the mailings! We also continue to work on a web presence as our technical skills slowly grow.

Although we are a small church, we are blessed to have a beautiful 1840 built building in which to meet. Our building is very close to the truly astounding number of high-tech facilities and mega warehouses that are going up around us. The President visited the area about a month ago to visit the multibillion-dollar Intel project that has begun. Please pray for us as we strive by the grace of God to be a light on the hill for those who are in and who will be moving into this area.

This year has also been a rough health year for many in our church. One dear brother recently went to be with the Lord after a long illness. The gospel of Jesus Christ is what is getting all of us through these trials.

As a bi-vocational pastor, things are usually pretty busy for my wife and myself. But even in the midst of busyness, the Lord connected me with a reformed, 1689, brother who has brought me along into the street preaching world. Declaring the gospel in 2-minute windows as people walk by is definitely different than preaching a Sunday sermon!

Personally, and as a church, we are joyful and thankful to be in the RBN. May God Bless the work of RBN for His glory, for He is worthy! 🙏

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First Baptist Church  
Puxico, MO

Justin Miller, Pastor

Greetings Reformed Baptist Network,

As of the day of this writing I had the blessing of meeting with a group of elders of a Reformed Baptist Church in a nearby region. It was a joy to communicate to them how sweet the fellowship was and encouraging the messages were at the last General Assembly in Bremen, Indiana. Please pray for them as they consider applying to RBNet. First Baptist Puxico has been relishing in God's grace to have allowed us to come into the association of like minded confessional churches. We as a body of believers are seeking not only to grow in our love for Christ but also to see Him known rightly in our region. To this end we have several candidates in our training institute (called Expositors Institute) who we are praying through being sent out to either plant a church or revitalize a church in our region. We have had several churches from our former denomination reach out wanting us to consider taking on the church with one of our pastors in a partnership. Please pray for us that God would grant us wisdom and grace in these things. We as elders want to be faithful and need wisdom to steward what God has granted wisely. Also, we recently started a publishing arm called Savoring the Savior with intention to get confessional reformed resources written at a very basic level for all the church to grasp and apply. We are seeking to publish short booklets and were able to publish our first book. Our aim is not to be RHB but to just resource our region and anywhere else with easy to understand reformed Baptist confessional resources. Please pray we can do this well. Lastly, as a church we have gone through a rough season with certain church discipline cases. Each case as you know brothers is never easy. We want to love people well and be faithful to the Lord Jesus. We would covet your prayers in all these things. 🙏

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