

# Neighborhoodly



**CROSS CITY  
MISSIONS**

# 2023 Mission Trips



For trip updates and additional information, scan the QR code or visit [crosscity.church/missions](https://crosscity.church/missions).

## DOMESTIC

### Houston

June 2023

Our students grades 7-12 will serve in the streets of Houston and stay on the Houston Baptist University campus. More information to come.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Nairobi, Kenya

May 26-June 6

Partnering with Send Relief and our new missionaries, Clay and Lydia Steelman, we will serve local churches and other organizations in need of assistance. Projects may include light construction, painting, landscaping, installing sporting equipment and play areas, motorcycle repair, packing and distributing school supplies, and evangelism.

### Chole, Tanzania

June 24-July 5

We are partnering with e3 Partners. The Lord is pouring out His Spirit in Tanzania, where there is a great hunger for the gospel. We will work with an existing church to reach the Zaramo people through evangelism, discipleship, and planting new churches.

### Cartagena, Colombia

June 23—July 1

Cross City will partner with churches in Colombia and our International Mission Board missionaries to share the gospel, disciple, encourage, and provide a youth rally and leadership conference.

### Sumatra, Indonesia (Nia Island)

July 13-23 (TBD)

Cross City will partner with The Bucket Ministry to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, distribute lifesaving water filters, and follow up/disciple recipients on the small island of Nia, West Sumatra. We will also participate in Vacation Bible School in the target village.

### Athi, Kenya

September 12—21

Cross City will partner with The Bucket Ministry to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, distribute lifesaving water filters, follow up with and disciple recipients in the Athi River Slums adjacent to Nairobi, Kenya.

### Wales

Summer 2023

We will partner with Missional Links Wales to join in and support the work of the Welsh core church and supporting churches across their country. We have one purpose, to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to Wales and to serve the people through discipleship, encouragement, and witnessing. There are also opportunities for internships, short-term assignments, and senior consultants to churches.

# Global Missions Partners



Places of focus for Cross City Missions

- The Bucket Ministry
- International Mission Board
- E3 Partners
- Missional Links Wales
- Voice of the Martyrs
- Wycliffe Bible Translators



# Local Ministry Partners

## 6 Stones

The vision of 6 Stones is to be a catalyst of hope that transforms lives, homes, and communities. It is a local nonprofit coalition of churches, nonprofit agencies, and other entities that assist in meeting the needs of people in the HEB area.

### **In 2022, Cross City...**

- Provided 75 Volunteers totaling over 3120 hours served
- Served 20 houses through Community Powered Revitalization (CPR)
- Raised \$24,046 through Feed the City

## Apartment Life

Jesus said the great commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself. What if He meant that we should love our actual neighbors? Apartment Life's passion is sending teams to change the world by simply loving their neighbors.

**In 2022, Cross City provided three Care Coordinators to serve in two communities.**

## Lionheart Children's Academy

Lionheart's passion is to support hard-working parents with quality, affordable care and education for their children. Their purposeful and holistic approach to early care and education ensures that children have a strong and healthy foundation for learning and for life.

**In 2022, Lionheart has reached out to over 1500 families in our community.**

## KiDs Beach Club®

KiDs Beach Club® is providing children with hope and teaching them Biblically-based Christian values. This ministry helps mobilize the church to provide 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls with a Jesus experience within their public elementary school culture.

### **In 2022, Cross City...**

- Sponsored five Beach Clubs at local elementary schools
- Sent 30 Volunteers
- Shared the gospel with 223 Students in our Beach Clubs
- Led 90 kids to accept Christ

## Mid-Cities Women's Clinic

MCWC offers select medical services to help women make a plan for their unplanned pregnancies. They also provides accurate education on all pregnancy options, and services are complimentary and confidential. MCWC also has a store offering free items for babies and moms.

### **In 2022, because of Cross City's support...**

- 1373 Patients were served
- 702 abortion-minded women chose life

## First Fitness

First Fitness has been ministering to the physical as well as spiritual needs of local families since 1998. Though the average student is 8 to 12 years old, the class is made up of students from 5 to 65. First Fitness is a fun way for our local community to exercise while hearing the Gospel. 50-60% of those who participate are through our out-reach efforts.

# Neighborly Stories

As you read these stories, remember to look for ways to share Jesus wherever you are. We are required to plant the seed, and God will take care of the rest!

## Emma's Story

Emma's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday fell on the same night of our women's dinner, where we packaged boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Emma made a very special request of her friends and family as a birthday gift for her: she asked them to donate to Operation Christmas Child. Each box provides a child with a toy, personal needs, school supplies, and a Bible storybook. These boxes are sent off with prayers and are delivered by local pastors. Emma has a heart to impact her global neighbors!

## Chaplain's Story

Recently several of Cross City's ministers volunteered to serve with Community Powered Revitalization (CPR) in the HEB neighborhoods, where they each visited the homeowners whose houses were being worked on. One widow they visited was very lonely and had fallen several times. She needed encouragement and to know that someone cared. We prayed for her, gave her a Bible and some food, and let her know how much God loved her. Since she was homebound, we told her how to worship online with us and set up a time to go back for another visit.

## Joanna's Story

Joanna loves to travel and encourage missionaries. While traveling in Turkey, she received a Bible written in English and Turkish. She asked God, "who shall I bless with this Bible?" As she would leave her hotel each day, a shop owner across the street would say, "American, where are you going today?" He would then tell her the best way to go. She did not know him but began to pray for him. On her final day, she presented him with the Bible and a promise to come again to answer any questions he might have. Time passed, and when she returned, he was not there. Later she went again, and the shop owner remembered her. He still had the Bible, and we are praying for his salvation. Never give up!

## Kwang's Story

Kwang, a member of Cross City International, is marrying his love of the gym with his love for people. Kwang goes to the gym for several hours daily, which has been his ongoing pattern for years. Within the last few years, the Lord laid it on Kwang's heart to be more intentional in sharing the Gospel. As a longtime gym member, he has become a known figure and an unofficial trainer. He uses that time to build relationships, asking about the lives of others, their stories, and their prayer needs. His friendships grew to include time outside of the gym. Through his prayers and thoughtful questions, six of his gym buddies have come to church with Kwang, and three have prayed to receive Christ as their Savior.



# In 2022, Cross City Missions gave...

**\$7,000** to launch two of our five new missionary families on the mission field

**\$7,500** to the House of Joy in Romania to relocate and support Ukrainian refugees

**\$7,500** to Hope and Help International (India) to relocate and support Ukrainian refugees

**\$10,000** to Wycliffe missionaries in Papua New Guinea, Dudley and Lana King, to build an addition to the translation, training, and missionary care facility.

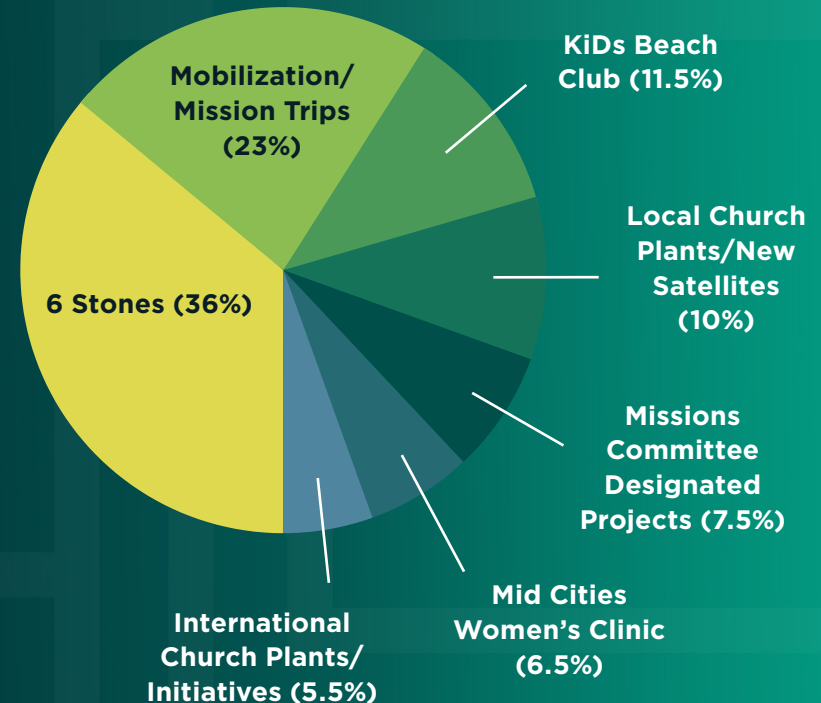
**\$10,000** to the Way of Grace Ministry in Liberia for medical equipment for our Cross City International missionaries, Choloh and Maria Simmons.

**\$10,000** to Dimensions in Kingdom Living, a ministry launched by Tim Taylor, to provide equipment, publishing, and printing of evangelism & discipleship material for The Works & Missions Baptist Church International of Yopougon, Côte d'Ivoire and 28 new church plants.

In addition to what we've given through the Cross City Missions Fund, 10% of every dollar you tithe to Cross City, **more than \$600,000 annually**, goes to the Southern Baptist Convention which supports missionaries around the world.

# Cross City Missions Fund

For every dollar given to Cross City Missions, you are supporting local partners and missionaries around the world in the following ways:



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*I have become all things to all people, so that I may by all means save some. I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.*

*I Corinthians 9:22b-23*



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