



# Prayer Guide September 17-24, 2023

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE: On the following pages you will find testimonies and prayer requests from six different ministries who have received support through the Ray Roberts State Missions Offering. Each day, be encouraged by one of their stories and pray specifically for that ministry. Southern Baptists from all over Ohio will join with you in unity as we pray September 17-24, 2023.



## AMER SAFADI Kingdom Family Arabic Church

Since God called me from Jordan to the United States my dream and vision has been reaching the community, making disciples, connecting, and equipping leaders and church planters, and sending them to plant healthy, multiplying Arabic churches in every city with an Arabic community. Through the Ray Roberts Offering gifts we were able to hold two gatherings of potential church planters and their wives. We had 46 leaders from 11 different cities in six different states. We now have 14 potential church planters applying with the North American Mission Board to plant Arabic churches during the next two years. We also

launched monthly Arabic church planters training on zoom. When you give to the Ray Roberts State Missions Offering, you give to reach the nations, equip leaders, and plant healthy multiplying churches.

*Please pray for wisdom to lead this great movement among the Arabic community in Ohio and across the country; Pray for the right team to help in this ministry; Pray for the financial needs in this ministry; Pray for my family's financial needs so I don't have to go back to work outside of the ministry. Your prayers are much needed and appreciated.*



## MIKE FELICIANO Hillside Church, Rowsburg

We are thankful for the Ray Roberts State Mission Offering. Because of a Ray Roberts gift, we were able to purchase much-needed sound and video equipment for our church plant. Nothing hinders the ministry more than if people cannot hear or see what is happening. This equipment has been a huge blessing to the people of Hillside Church, Rowsburg. We are so thankful for the State Convention. All the pastors, churches and office staff have been supportive. Such a blessing!

*Please pray for us as we head into the fall season. We are going to need to set up chairs as we are running out of space. Also pray for our October outreach, "Boo in the Burg." Fall is a "boo-tee-ful" time of year and we want people to come out and celebrate God's beauty with us.*



## OHIO SOUTHERN BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF

Gifts from the Ray Roberts State Missions Offering are vital to Ohio Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (OSBDR). The funds help cover the cost of deployments, maintenance, travel, training, church responses and community impact. The offering expands the outreach of OSBDR to churches and communities in Ohio and the United States, as well as international disaster response in Poland, Hungary, and Greece. Most importantly, forty-two people came know Christ in 2022 through the ministry of OSBDR. Thank you for your gifts to the Ray Roberts State Missions Offering. We could not do this work without you!

*Please pray for more volunteers to serve in OSBDR and for our volunteers to have boldness as they share Christ everywhere we go.*



## **RAY UMPHREY** Briggs Road Baptist Church

Briggs Road Baptist Church received a Ray Roberts grant which helped us reach our community and expand our ministry. We launched a Spanish translation ministry complete with remote headsets and a booth for the translator. We also purchased needed upgrades and supplies to support DRIVE, an after-school ministry which meets at the church and is led by volunteers. Every week throughout the school year, approximately 100 unchurched children and teens receive a meal, hear the gospel, and are disciplined. Several children have trusted Christ. In addition, we held our first ever sports camp this

summer. Through Ray Roberts, we were able to fund this ministry which saw dozens of neighborhood kids learn about Jesus and practice good sportsmanship. We are incredibly grateful to SCBO for partnering with us to reach our community for Christ.

*Please pray for us that we will faithfully disciple those who are coming to faith in Jesus and continue to make Christ known in Columbus.*



## **SHAWN HENSLEY** Maize Road Baptist Church

Maize Road Baptist Church is working diligently to reach a diverse population in northeast Columbus. Our facility is currently home to three churches besides our own. We have Mision Christiana Elim (El Salvador), Kingdom Ambassadors (Nigeria, Haiti, Sierra Leone, etc.), and United Good Samaritan (Congolese). We also have partnered with a local organization and host a Nepali after-school and summer school program. Our community ministry currently serves families from nine countries. As more refugees come into the area, the demand for our resources is continually increasing. Last year alone, we distributed more than 25,000

pounds of food in our area. Moving this food can be difficult and a van would greatly increase our efficiency.

*Please pray for us as we recently renovated the space to be more effective for ministry and are still working to pay for those renovations. We are also praying for food resources and a church van that can be used for our community ministry. Please also pray that as we continue to work faithfully to meet the physical needs in our community that we are also able to share the gospel with the people we serve. We have already seen a great number of people receiving Christ and pray for many more.*



## **TODD CYPHERS** Waynesville Community Church

The money we received from the Ray Roberts Offering fund enabled us to handle several long overdue maintenance needs; in fact, we were recently able to purchase a new furnace/air conditioner for our sanctuary and gym. Such outside support has enhanced our regular worship services, and it has also allowed us to host community events like basketball camp (70 kids) and VBS (200 kids). Without God using ministry partners, the revitalization of churches like ours would not happen.

*Please pray for our Back-to-School Bash, which will be held at the end of August. We will provide free food and a lot of fun activities for our community. This is one of seven community events we have during the year. Pray for the Gospel to be proclaimed and received as well as individuals and families to be planted here. Pray for a youth leader for us and for the nearby school. We are strategically placed near the Waynesville schools.*

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