



## People in Illinois need the gospel

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The Mission Illinois Offering supports a variety of missions led by the Illinois Baptist State Association. Together with almost **1,000 partner churches and church plants**, your congregation reaches out across Illinois with the gospel in many ways. Please pray for state missions this week.

### Prayer Guide

#### Sunday | Northwest quadrant

**John and Jacki Mattingly** have served around the Quad Cities for almost three decades. This region including Peoria and Rockford has a **higher percentage of lostness** than any other region in Illinois. Many counties have no Southern Baptist church and little evangelical witness.

**Pray** for **John** as he helps plant new churches, plus **John Sedgwick, Brian McWethy, and Joe Gardner** who serve there, and IBSA's Church Planting leader **Van Kicklighter**.

#### Monday | Next generation

IBSA aids churches in reaching children with the gospel, and equipping students as tomorrow's leaders through **VBS, missions events, Youth Encounter, and conference centers** at Lake Sallateeska and Streator.

**Pray** for next-gen director **Jack Lucas, Steve Hamrick, camp managers Philip Hall and Mike Young** and their ministry teams.

#### Tuesday | Chicago

**Bryan and Marci Coble** relocated their family far from their downstate home. Their new neighborhood is ten times larger with **77,000 people**. With the partnership of their home church and IBSA, the Cobles are committed to sharing Christ in our largest mission field.

**Pray** for the **Cobles**, for more church planters in Chicagoland with its 10 million residents, and for **Dennis Conner, Tim Bailey, John Yi, and Jorge Melendez** who lead IBSA's church planting strategy there.

Watch these featured stories at [MissionIllinois.org](http://MissionIllinois.org).



Sun: Spiritual need in the Northwest



Tue: A heart for the city



Wed: Sharing Jesus — everywhere



Fri: Feeding people, loving people

#### Wednesday | Soul-winning churches

**Pat Pajak** can share Jesus with anyone anywhere, even in the rehab unit where he recovered from heart surgery. He is a terrific example and teacher for us all. Now Pat is leading evangelism training for IBSA, helping churches and pastors grow as witnesses. Pat will train more than **200 churches** this year, and develop an evangelism network with over **100 pastors**.

**Pray** for **Pat, Sylvan Knobloch**, and for IBSA churches to grow in personal evangelism.

#### Thursday | Stronger churches

IBSA focuses on leader development and coaching ministry, equipping pastors and lay leaders in more than **20,000 sessions** annually, and in personal consultation at the church's request. We need strong Southern Baptist churches in Illinois.

**Pray** for **Mark Emerson** and the Church Resource Team, and **11 zone consultants** including **Joe Oliver** and **Steven Glover** in metro Chicago.

#### Friday | Compassionate ministry

**Derrick and Ailee Taylor** have a heart for their small town, reaching into their community by meeting needs. **The Net Community Church** shows how missions and evangelism are two sides of one coin. Many new churches use this approach, which is one reason new churches are effective at leading people to Jesus.

**Pray** for the **Taylor** family and their new church, and downstate church planters, **Eddie Pullen** and **Ken Wilson** who lead IBSA's church planting strategy there.

#### Saturday | Mobilization

Mission trips are excellent opportunities for evangelism. In fact, sharing Jesus is the primary reason **22,000** Illinois Baptists personally engage in missions each year. And with **1,600** trained volunteers, **Illinois Baptist Disaster Relief** brings aid after natural disasters, while chaplains witness to suffering people.

**Pray** for **Dwayne Doyle** and **Carmen Halsey** who lead missions mobilization, and the teams who equip and send thousands of Illinois Baptists each year.

#### Sunday | Giving

Today churches will collect the **Mission Illinois Offering**, which supports the ministries in this prayer guide and more. It is so important that we reach the **\$475,000** goal. Consider your own gift for state missions.

**Pray** for all our partner churches to give today, and for Executive Director **Nate Adams** and the missions support staff of IBSA.

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For mission study materials for your church, contact IBSA at [MI@IBSA.org](mailto:MI@IBSA.org), (217) 391-3119

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