



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.



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, (217) 391-3119

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