

Bethany Baptist Church

Missions Update

February – 2021



Spotlighting the Missionary of the Month



J i m & L i s a B l a c k



Jim and Lisa are non-residential missionaries working to train and develop leaders who will make disciples, with a goal to see Gospel movements starting and growing all over Sub-Saharan Africa. In February, Jim will be traveling to Togo and Liberia to connect with local churches interested in starting outreach efforts to least-reached people groups, and to teach at a pastor training school.

JIM & LISA BLACK

- **Mission Field** **Sub-Saharan Africa**
- **Mission Organization** **Converge**
- **Ministry Focus** **Equipping transformational leaders**
- **BBC Monthly Support** **\$300/month**
- **Supported by BBC** **Since 2020**
- **Last Visit to BBC** **2020 (Feb)**
- **Website (4 minute video)**
<https://converge.org/missionary/jim-lisa-black>
- **Linkedin**
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/jim-black-4811042a/>

Notes:

- Jim and Lisa visited Bethany Baptist Church in February of 2020 when we started supporting them again.
- Back in the 1980s BBC supported Jim and Lisa as NAB missionaries to the Fulbe people in Nigeria.
- They recently moved to Chicago as flights to Africa are much more convenient there.
- Monthly funding progress is at 57%
- On February 4th Jim will be traveling to Africa for one month.

“Happy New Year! In 2021, we are asking God to:

- Help us develop five fully functioning consortia to support the four initiatives and our Impact Team
- Help each of our teams stay focused on our vision and mission and work effectively at accomplishing their goals for 2021
- Protect us and our workers, keeping us healthy as we travel through Africa with COVID-19 restrictions lifting (Testing requirements differ from country to country, but most are open, so we are trusting the Lord and moving forward).”

Support Level Updates

Pray = Jim & Lisa Black - Monthly support at 57%, still raising support.

Pray = Cal & Susanne Hohn – Monthly support at 80%, been at this level for about a year.

Pray = Brad & Sarah Herbst - Monthly commitments 93% - remaining need is \$600.

Herbst Family - Praises & Prayers

- Praise God for faithful partners who responded to our last update with support, encouragement, healthy questions, and excitement for what God is doing.
- Praise God that we now have an opportunity to serve through a partnership with (IBE) Spanish church as well as (IBC) International English-speaking church.
- Praise God for opening doors for us to take the Leadership in Ministry course at Carroll Theological Institute.
- Praise God for meeting our basic needs during the snowstorm here in Madrid.
- Please pray that God continues to open doors to share our lives and the Gospel through it.
- Please pray that God goes ahead of us and paves the way in these new ministry opportunities.