




Overflowing
HOPE

MISSISSIPPI WMU
EDWINA ROBINSON
OFFERING GUIDE
2023-2025

A word from our president

The MS WMU Edwina Robinson offering was named in honor of our third Executive Secretary of Mississippi WMU. Serving from 1944-1971, Ms. "Ed" was a pioneer in developing women's leadership across Mississippi and beyond. She led by example and believed in the faithfulness of the Lord. Her overflowing hope in Christ indwelt her life and work and helped produce our beloved Camp Garaywa in 1947.

As we embrace our theme "Overflowing HOPE" for the next two years, may Ms. Ed's example of being filled with "joy and peace" guide our efforts. The ministries supported by this offering will help us to show compassion to the hurting, to share Christ and disciple believers and to bring encouragement and support to missionaries and their families. May we continue the Mississippi WMU legacy of teaching others about missions, giving to missions, and being on mission for our Lord.



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

ROMANS 15:13 NIV



— Terrie Harwood, Mississippi WMU President

ALLOCATIONS

AGED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS \$1,500

AREA WMU WORK \$3,000

BAPTIST NURSING FELLOWSHIP \$500

**GARAYWA CAMP AND
CONFERENCE CENTER** \$46,500

MACEDONIAN CALL FOUNDATION \$5,000

MISSIONARY APPOINTEES \$1,000

MISSIONARY KIDS LOVE GIFTS \$1,300

MISSIONARY KIDS MINISTRY \$1,200

**MISSISSIPPI MISSIONARY
FELLOWSHIP** \$2,000

**MISSISSIPPI MISSIONARY
PARENTS FELLOWSHIP** \$1,000

**PROMOTION OF MS WMU
EDWINA ROBINSON OFFERING** \$9,000

GOAL: \$72,000

Thank you for giving!

*The MS WMU Edwina Robinson Offering
materials are provided by your generous gifts.*

*Mississippi
is where our
hearts call home!*



CJ and I grew up in different states, but we met in Alabama and were married in Tennessee in 1995. A few years later, we moved to Columbia, Mississippi, for CJ to serve as student pastor at FBC Columbia. We were blessed with two daughters born in Hattiesburg and the Lord rooted us to this special place called Mississippi.

In 2007, CJ and I went on a mission trip to Bangladesh. While there, we began to feel the Lord stirring our hearts to move our family to the

mission field. On a mission trip to Indonesia two years later, we met a village of people who had never once heard the name Jesus. Being confronted with great lostness and peoples without access to the Gospel, we knew without a doubt the Lord was calling us to be missionaries.

After much prayer and seeking the Lord's direction, our family joined the IMB and moved to a country in Southeast Asia in 2011. With inconsistent electricity and limited access to water, living conditions were

BECAUSE YOU GIVE

- Mississippi WMU can host the MK Re-entry Retreat every few years. Garaywa will host the retreat in August 2023. We help to provide transportation to the retreat for MS MKs every year.
- Macedonian Call Foundation can upgrade vehicles in their fleet and provide regular maintenance on vehicles already owned.
- Mississippi MKs who are full time college students receive \$100 Christmas checks as an expression of our love and support.
- New Mississippi Missionary Appointees receive a gift check to encourage them as they are packing and preparing to serve on the mission field.

quite challenging, but the people were kind, hospitable, and receptive to us. We saw the Lord do amazing things including salvation, baptisms, and new church plants.

After eight and a half years, we moved to a neighboring country where we continue to serve today. The Lord is moving amongst the people there as well, and we have the privilege of seeing lives changed as we share the Good News of God.

Over our 12 years on the mission field, Mississippi WMU has been a source of encouragement and support for us and our children. We received a monetary gift from MS WMU when we first moved overseas that was especially helpful as we had to purchase items for our initial

setup. Various WMU groups also sent birthday cards to our children each year. Our girls' faces would light up reading the messages from fellow Mississippians. When our girls returned to the States for college, MS WMU provided transportation for them to attend the MK Re-entry Retreat where they were supported through their time of transition. Most importantly, MS WMU has been one of the greatest sources of prayer support for our family and our work in Southeast Asia.

We are so thankful for MS WMU. You have blessed us in so many ways! No matter where the Lord might call us to serve Him, Mississippi will always be where we call home.

— *CJ & Julie*

ONLINE RESOURCES

There are additional resources available online to help you promote the MS WMU Edwina Robinson Offering at www.edwinarobinson.com.

- Speaker's Guide (overview of ERO and theme)
- Edwina Robinson picture and biographical information
- Suggestions for promoting the offering
- Video testimonials
- Activity pages
- ERO 2023-2025 Offering Guide
- ERO panel discussion (video)
- Allocations page

Compassion

AGED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS \$1,500

Many ministers and widows of ministers, now retired, live well below comfortable means. An annual monetary gift from MS WMU Edwina Robinson funds is sent as an expression of appreciation for their years of ministry.



"Thank you so much for the money you sent me. The check arrived just in time to make some much needed roof repairs to my home. The Lord knew my need and used caring people like you to provide what I needed."

— Mrs. Riley

BAPTIST NURSING FELLOWSHIP \$500

Baptist Nursing Fellowship is a national ministry of WMU, SBC. Mississippi BNF provides opportunities for medical personnel to use their skills in missions situations. Funds from the MS WMU Edwina Robinson Offering assists in the growth and development of MS BNF.

"BNF has allowed me to meet new people as we share our nursing experiences through education, missions ministries, spiritual support and Christian fellowship. Friendships are created that will last a lifetime." — Estelle Watts



Discipling

AREA WMU WORK \$3,000

Mississippi Women's Ministries/WMU has divided Mississippi into nine areas. Work in each WMU area is led by a coordinator and associate coordinator. MS WMU Edwina Robinson funds assist areas in hosting training, fellowship, and motivational meetings. Assistance may also be provided for special projects.



"With funds from this offering, AREA 1 WMU was able to help host a regional Missions Madness for children focusing on Central America. It was a fun-filled day learning about and experiencing missions."

— Kay Hodge

GARAYWA CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER \$46,500

Garaywa welcomes over 1,300 girls to camp every summer. They meet missionaries and learn about missions. Patterson Place, a lodge for adults, has made Garaywa a year-round center for Christian activities. MS WMU Edwina Robinson funds help with improvements, repairs and other items not included in their operating budget.

"My time at Garaywa was spent surrounded by a great supportive staff and the Holy Spirit. From camper to cabin leader, it truly is my home away from home."

— Dylan Marsh, Summer Staff



Encouragement

MISSIONARY APPOINTEES \$1,000

The MS WMU Edwina Robinson Offering allows Mississippi WM/WMU to present each Mississippi missionary appointee a monetary gift, which they usually use to buy a special piece of equipment to take with them. It becomes a reminder of the love Mississippi WM/WMU has for her missionaries.

"We've just arrived in our country of service and your gift has been such a blessing as we have used it towards appliances and furniture for our new home."

— Michael and Tori



MISSIONARY KIDS LOVE GIFTS \$1,300

Children of missionaries usually come to the states to attend college. MS WMU Edwina Robinson funds provide MKs with an annual love gift, according to the requirements set by the Executive Board of Mississippi WMU.



"Thank you for your Christmas gift. I'm humbled and blessed to receive this offering and all the cards through the years. Your continued support and prayers help my family to succeed on the mission field."

— Haddon Bledsoe

Support

MACEDONIAN CALL FOUNDATION \$5,000

This is a volunteer organization that provides safe and reliable transportation for IMB missionaries while they are on stateside assignment in the U.S. MS WMU Edwina Robinson funds help to defray some of the expenses of upkeep, registration, and inspection of the donated car for the missionary.

"MCF provided vehicles to 35 missionary families this past year. As the MCF President, I am thankful to our volunteers, MS WMU, and you for supporting us through this offering and tax-deductible donation of vehicles."
— Jackie Stuart



MISSIONARY KIDS MINISTRY \$1,200

The National MK Re-entry Retreat was hosted by Mississippi WM/WMU in 2000 and 2014 and will be again in 2023. As a continuation of ministering to MKs, the MS WMU Edwina Robinson Offering provides funds to help our MS MKs attend the National MK Re-entry Retreat in whichever state it is being held.



"The MK retreat blessed me in many ways. It gave me the opportunity to connect with MKs who were going through the same transition as I was. We all got to bond and grow connections with each other and the Lord during our time there." — Mia Johnson

Connections

MISSISSIPPI MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP \$2,000

More than 400 missionaries call Mississippi home. They are former and retired missionaries, missionaries on stateside assignment or MKs. Funds from MS WMU Edwina Robinson Offering provide meeting times for them to have fellowship, share stories, share prayer requests, and enjoy being home in Mississippi.

"What a great blessing it is to be a part of MMF. The fellowship is great and we receive new challenges on how God wants to use us in sharing His love where we live today."

— Tom & Gloria Thurman



MISSIONARY PARENTS FELLOWSHIP \$1,000

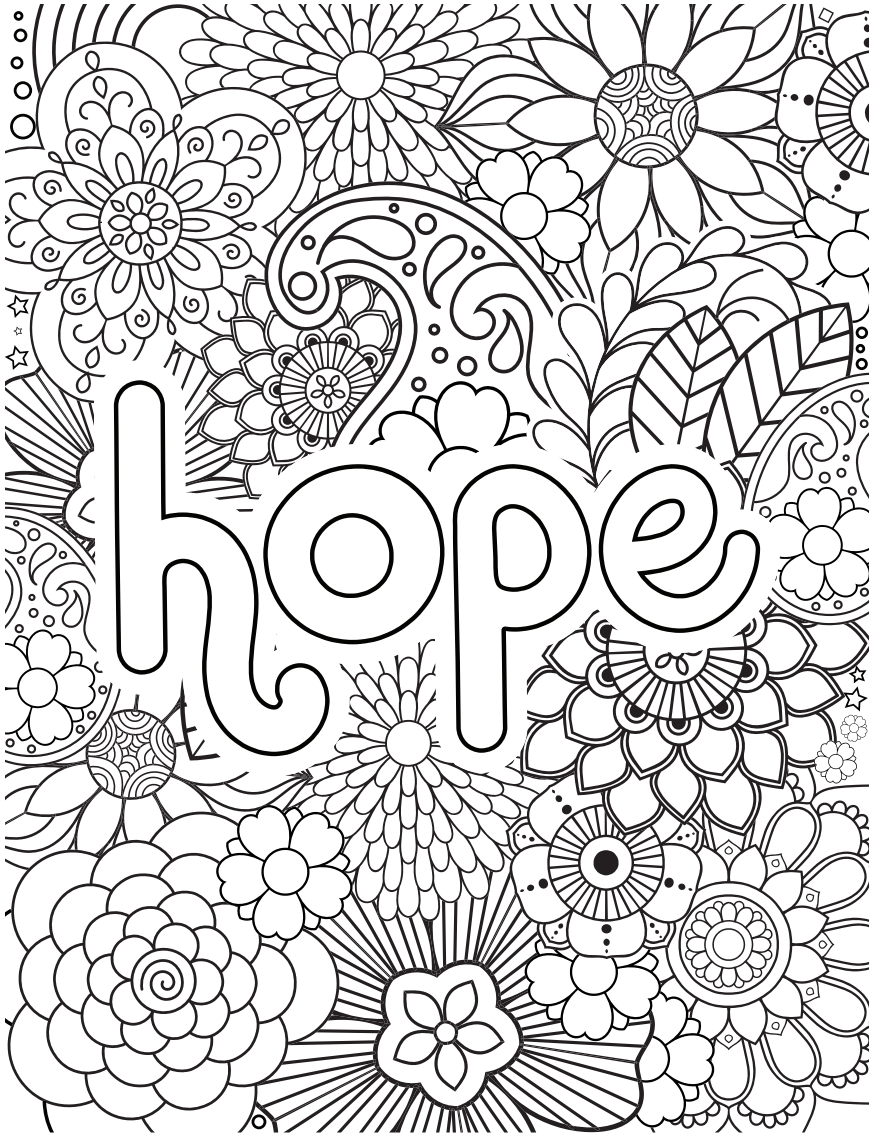
Mississippi parents have sent many missionary children with grandchildren to the field. Mississippi offers a support and fellowship group for these parents. They come together to encourage each other, share stories, and share prayer requests. MS WMU Edwina Robinson funds help with the cost of these meetings.

"MPF gives opportunities for parents to share special prayer requests for our children (and grands) and their areas of work. Through MPF, parents are brought closer together because of

our mutual understanding of needs and joys."

— Billy & Rebecca Williams





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MISSIONARY GRANDPARENTS ON THE HUNT

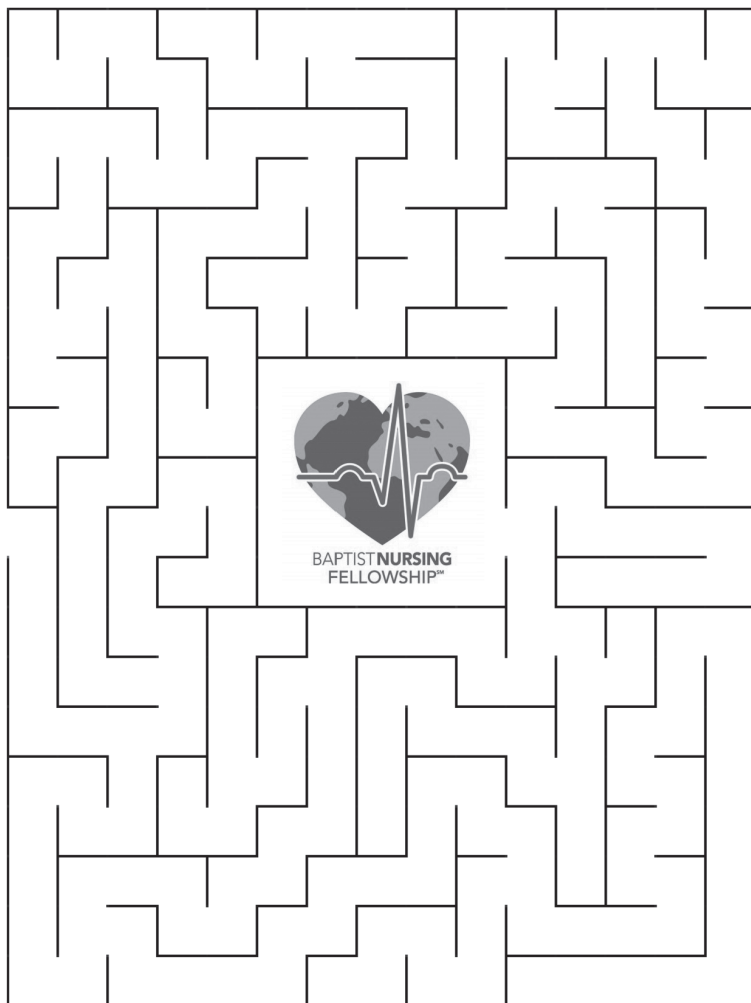
Please help the Missionary Grandparents hunt the places where their grandkids live. Search vertically, horizontally and diagonally to identify the people groups in which missionaries serve around the world.

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Sub Saharan Africa	Asia Pacific Rim	Central Asia
Deaf Peoples	North Africa	South Asia
Americas	Middle East	Europe

BAPTIST NURSING FELLOWSHIP MAZE

Help this nurse connect her healthcare skills with ministry needs by joining the Baptist Nursing Fellowship.



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MAILING OFFERINGS

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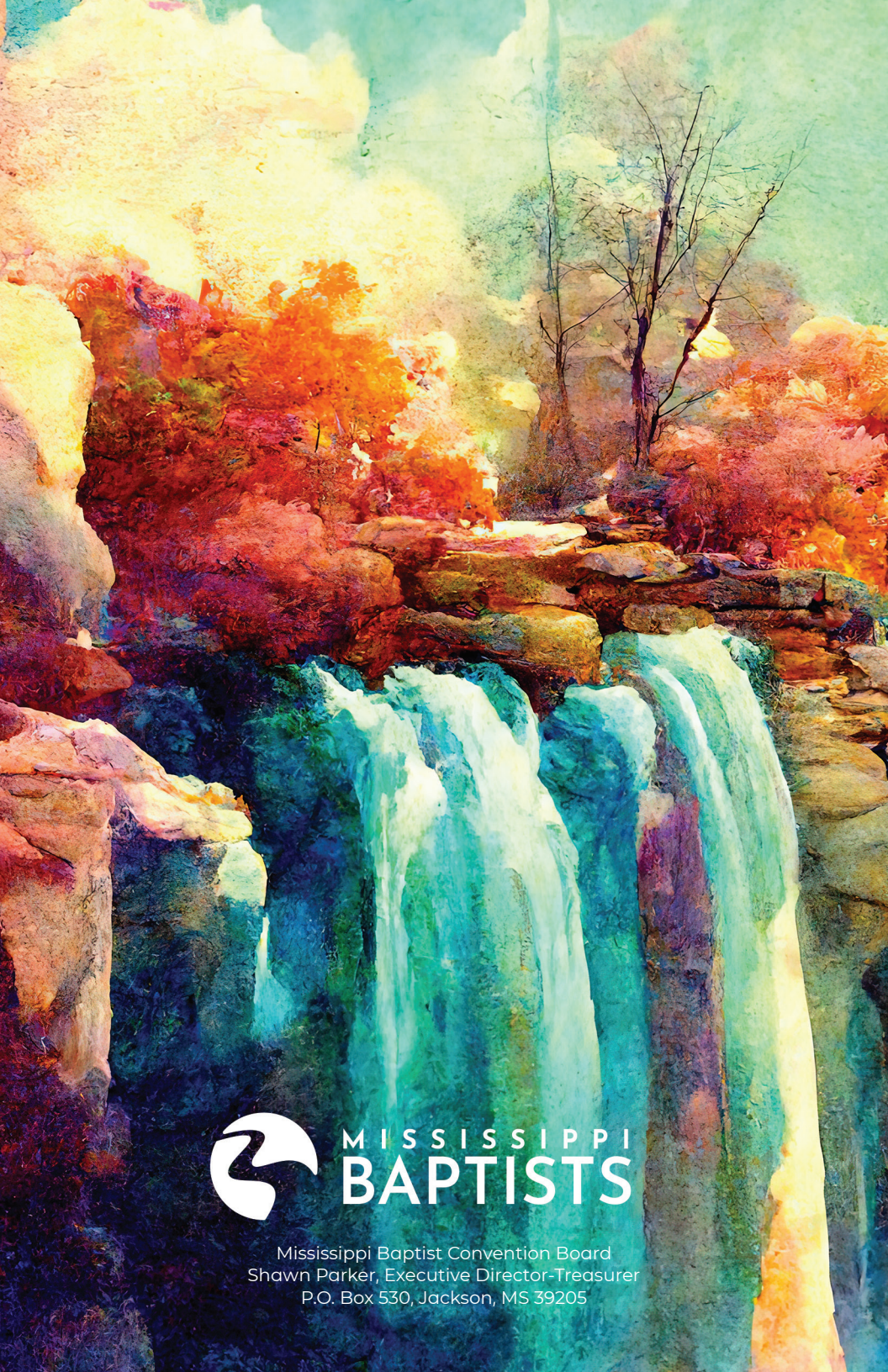
P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205

Make checks payable to MBCB with a memo line to ERO.

All funds collected during the current calendar year designated for the MS WMU Edwina Robinson Offering may be allocated the following year to the various ministries supported by this Offering according to the stated promotional material. Annual gifts received in excess of the stated MS WMU Edwina Robinson Offering goal and any unspent program funds from the prior year may be allocated to the current year MS WMU Edwina Robinson Offering ministry needs, upon approval by Mississippi's Women's Ministries/WMU Executive Director-Treasurer and the MS WMU Executive Board.



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