

SAREPTA
Baptist Missions Network

VISION

newsletter

May 2025

WE CAN DO MORE TOGETHER

Breakout Session List will be available soon!

2025 SPARK

CONFERENCE

Hebron Baptist Church

Dacula, GA

Sunday, September 14



\$10/PERSON INCLUDES ACCESS TO ALL THE BREAKOUTS FROM THE VAULT FOR 12 MONTHS!

Bryant Wright is the Founder and Chairman of Right From The Heart Ministries, sharing the gospel beyond church walls since 1992. He served as the founding pastor of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church for 38 years and later as President of Send Relief, launching its global compassion ministry. A compelling Bible teacher and author of six books, Bryant is known for connecting timeless truth with today's culture. He and his wife, Anne, live in Marietta, Georgia, and have three sons and seven grandchildren.



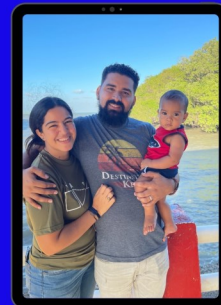
Keynote Speaker
Bryant Wright

Mission Partnership with Panama

Sarepta pastors have embraced the chance to train pastors in the Latin American country of Panama, using material from Pastor2Pastor. From their work in Panama, other ministry opportunities have emerged. The

Mission Partnership Team has approved Sarepta to help support a Panamanian church planter, Pastor Mario Isaac Trobета's work for 2 years.

Panamanian pastors are eager to receive the training from Sarepta Pastors, but often have no access to Biblical dictionaries and commentaries. We would like to provide a box of books (in Spanish) for each pastor who completes the trainings. Our goal is 20 boxes of books. Each box costs about \$200. If you or your church would like to ADOPT A PASTOR and provide this for him, please contact Sarepta!



PASTOR MARIO ISSAC
TROBETA AND HIS
WIFE, SHADDAI



SPARK VAULT

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DON'T FORGET!

You have access to the SPARK VAULT!

It is a treasure trove of trainings from Spark conferences. Topics like DISCIPLESHIP, PASTOR WELLNESS, GA BAPTIST WOMEN, MISSIONS, NEXT GEN, COUNSELING....and more!



Disaster Relief

Information Meeting and
Banquet

- Thursday, August 21
- 6:30 p.m.
- Beech Haven Baptist Church, Athens
- For church members interested in finding out more about Disaster Relief and current/former volunteers
- Dinner provided, RSVP necessary
- Please call 706.549-5872 or email amy@sareptamissions.org



A Line from Lex

The clock is ticking and the days and weeks are flying by as I start my 20th year here as AMS.

Missions and Ministry Celebration – October 5th at Winterville FBC

This meeting will serve a dual purpose this year. It will be our annual gathering of churches followed by a retirement dinner. The Missions and Ministry Program will start at 4:00 and conclude at 5:30. The keynote speaker is **Dr. Jeff Iorg**, the President of the Executive Committee of the SBC. Following that will be a retirement dinner from 5:30 to 7:00. A catered meal will be provided and we will need to know if you plan to attend. We will be contacting our pastors for a head count from your church who plan to attend the meal.

Update from the Leadership Team about the AMS Search Process

Since January, a group selected from our Leadership Team has been working on the various documents that will be needed for the AMS Search. The group had completed its work on the following:

- **Job Description**
- **Application**
- **Financial Package**

The entire Leadership Team approved these recommendations.

The next phase of the search process will be receiving applications for the AMS position. As of May 2nd, anyone interested in applying for the position can go to the Sarepta website (www.sareptabaptist.com) and look for the tab titled AMS Application. There the candidate will be able to complete the application, attach his resume and see the job description. Applications will be open until early August.

At our May 1st Leadership Team Meeting, an **Interview Team of six members** were selected to evaluate the resumes and ultimately come up with a shortlist and begin an interview process. This interview consists of our Moderator, **Shane Roberson (Maysville)**, our Vice Moderator, **Matt Bartlett (Lexington)** and the following who were selected by the team: **Jim Patton (Comer)**, **Barry Bray (Rogers)**, **John Walker (Beech Haven)**, **Mike Sarna (Meadow)**

They will eventually bring back a recommendation to the entire Leadership Team for approval. Once the Leadership Team makes their decision, our new AMS will be selected.

We have had a excellent lady doing the cleaning for the Sarepta facility for the past 21 years. Her name is Sandy McElhannon. Because of health reasons, she is not going to be cleaning our building any more after this month. Our Leadership Team expressed their appreciation for her service at our meeting on May 1st. I want to take this time to say thanks to her for a job well done. Our building always looks clean and it is due to her work each week. Thank you Sandy for your many years as our cleaning service.



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As another semester ends for the International Friends English Program, I want to thank the volunteers who have given so much of themselves, their time, and their hearts this year.

Ministry isn't always easy. Sometimes it is costly. Sometimes others don't understand your motives. Sometimes it is messy and you don't have all the answers.

God has blessed the students through the volunteers this year. So many friendships were made. So many deep conversations were had. So many burdens were shared and lifted. So much love and care was communicated. So many meals were enjoyed together. Believe it or not, all this happened while people were improving their English! I believe the Lord was honored each week and in all the contacts outside of class.

This is an unprecedented time in the International Community. Regardless of your politics, we can all agree that many of our neighbors feel uncertainty and uncertainty is hard! I am so thankful that Sarepta had the collective forethought and willingness to make International Friends a priority. It is a beautiful ministry and our volunteers make it missional, as well.

We appreciate your prayer and support so much!

Want to know more about the International Friends English Program?

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