



# Leslie Brown

TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## About the Family

I am the middle of three daughters born to a piano teacher and a school principal in South Carolina. I have been ministering to international students for more than 20 years and moved to Greenville County, S.C., to work and minister to students at North Greenville University in Tigerville, S.C., in 2008.

A librarian by training and a lifelong student of languages and cultures by choice, I live near the university with my two cats, Theodore and Abigail. I enjoy sports, gardening, and spending time with friends. My “free” time is usually spent at an athletic match, concert or some other type of event on campus or out of town cheering on my students. If I’m not at one of those or having a meal with a student, you can find me in my garden.

## About My Ministry

My ministry is focused on the practical, social and spiritual needs of students. I try to identify and meet as many of these needs as possible. Needs include but aren’t limited to airport rides, providing welcome baskets on arrival, helping with check-in and move-in processes, finding work on campus, applying for social security cards and driver’s licenses, getting cell phone service and making sure they have a place to stay during breaks.

To meet social needs I plan activities like trips to local historic sites, hiking, shopping and hanging out at my home. I engage with students regularly and talk with them about their beliefs. I regularly meet with students one-on-one for meals or in other settings and make a point of asking them how they’re really doing and how I can pray for them and then doing it, if possible, in their presence.

Find out how you can

**Pray.**

**Participate.**

**Provide.**

### PRAY.

Pray for our international students who just graduated. For the believers, pray the Lord will continue to strengthen them. For the seekers, pray He will continue to work in their hearts. Pray God will soften the hearts of our international students who are not believers, reveal Himself to them and draw them to Himself. Praise God for the new students He will bring next semester. Pray for me as I make plans for next semester and reach out to new students. Pray for wisdom and discernment in planning activities and good time management skills. Pray for my health as I have fibromyalgia, chronic migraines and, most recently, gastrointestinal issues. Pray for strength, rest and endurance.

### PARTICIPATE

Connect as a Sending Church or a Supporting Church with a missionary’s work. Commit to long-term missions support with your missionary partner. Be involved in supporting missionaries and their families. Pray for missionaries.

### PROVIDE

Many missionaries build a team to join their ministry in prayer, participation, and provision. These friends, family and churches support missionaries beyond the tithes and offerings given within the church plant. Visit [sendnetwork.com/PlanterFunding](http://sendnetwork.com/PlanterFunding) for NAMB’s policy on providing for church plants.