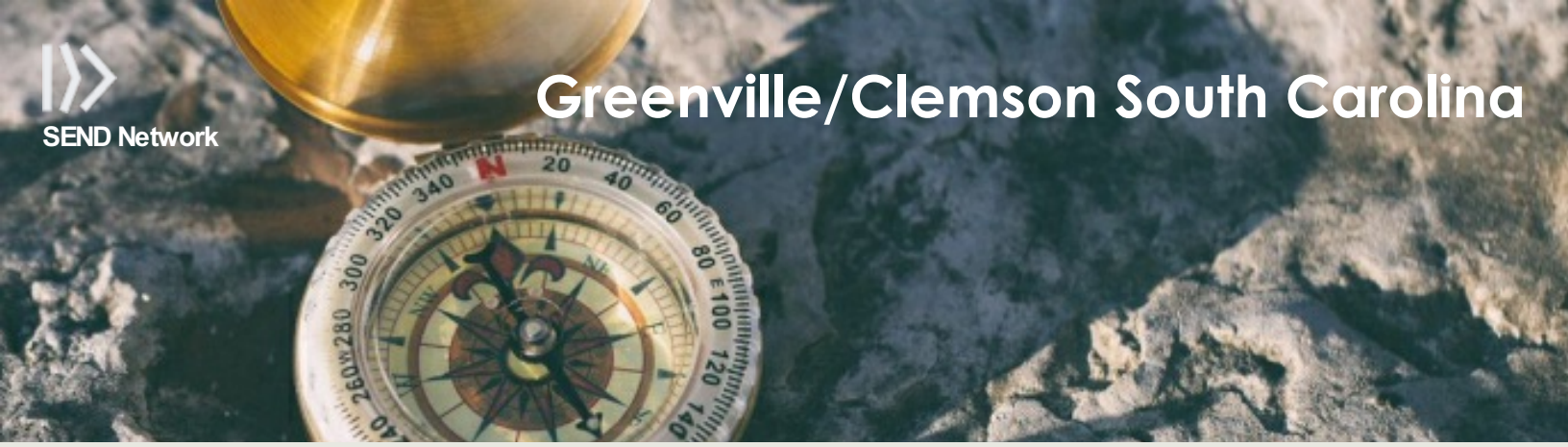

Tim and Jody Cross

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SIMPSONVILLE

PRAY.
Pray for 14 of our Karenni young people who will be heading back to their home country of Burma to share the gospel during the months of May and June.
Pray for our annual Karenni summer camps that take place at Camp Caraway in North Carolina.
Pray that our current refugee families would assimilate to life in the U.S. but, more important, desire a personal relationship with Jesus.
Pray for more believers and churches to join us in loving refugees in the name of Jesus.

PARTICIPATE.
There are many opportunities to partner with us in ministry We are always looking for teams in the Greenville, S.C., area made up of 8–12 people who are interested in "adopting" a newly arriving family. These good neighbor teams become community for refugee families and walk beside them as they assimilate to life in the United States. We are also continually in need of new toiletry items and household goods for newly arriving refugee families.

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 for NAMB's policy on providing for church plants.

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About the Family

Tim, Jody and their three children, Zachary, Emma, and Zoe served for eight years in Europe with the International Mission Board, ministering to refugees and asylum seekers from the 10/40 Window. After a year-long furlough in the U.S., Tim and Jody heard God's call to remain in North Carolina to start a ministry to newly arriving refugees relocating to America. In May 2009, Tim and Jody joined the North American Mission Board. They helped to resettle more than 600 refugees from Burma, Iraq, Iran and Bhutan to the Piedmont Triad area of North Carolina. In August 2016, the Crosses relocated the ministry, Open Arms Refugee Ministries, to Greenville, S.C., to minister to and share Christ with refugees who are being resettled in South Carolina.

About My Ministry

God has worked in many exciting ways over the past seven years. We have been blessed to help resettle more than 600 refugees to our community. We have seen dozens of refugees find their true hope in Jesus, accept Him and be baptized. We have helped to start a church among Karenni refugees in Winston Salem, N.C. We saw the ordination of the first Karenni pastor in the United States out of our home church of Calvary Baptist. We formed a youth group/choir made up of more than 60 Karenni refugee students whom we have taken on missions trips across the United States. We organized a summer camp of 150 Karenni teenagers at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, N.C. In 2017, we expanded our ministry to upstate South Carolina to begin mobilizing and training local believers and churches to become involved in ministry to refugee families.