



Cole Ethridge

Africa

Our missionaries face dangers most of us never encounter — and cannot imagine.

Today we are going to pray for one of our missionaries who has served 32 years in Africa. We'll call him Cole.

Let's run through some of what Cole has faced in those 32 years.

He has ministered during a war, and during a genocide in which many people were murdered. Twice people tried to overthrow the government in the nation where he served.

He has seen political insurrection and terrorist attacks.

More than once he stood up to armed bandits. He ministered to Christians who faced religious persecution. Once he himself lived on the street so he could serve others there.

He was evacuated during a rebel attack. He battled and survived cancer. He survived an epidemic of meningitis. In 2020 he ministered in unique ways during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, Cole prayed in the early days for God to send him anywhere but Africa. But that's where he has served for 32 years — and he is still there. God has been faithful.

Our church has supported Cole all those years — through all those situations — through our Cooperative Program giving.

Let's pray for him now.

