

PRAYING

FROM PAMPLIN

Missions *RUF Ministries*

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Derek Bates was born and grew up in our area and was part of the youth group at the church. He attended James Madison University where he became more focused on his walk with the Lord. A few years later, Derek attended Covenant Seminary; where he met his wife, **Luda**, and became acquainted with RUF, and eventually graduated. From 2008, to 2022 Derek has served RUF as the campus minister at the University of Pittsburgh. Now Derrick oversees the RUF ministries in the mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes region. The Bates, now six strong, continue to reside in their new "hometown" of Pittsburgh, where they continue to help with the Pitt team through discipling students or Luda baking some out-of-this-world snacks for RUF.

Pray for Derek and Luda as they continue to serve the Lord and disciple students and their leaders. They are missionaries who are not part of our Cooperative Program and rely on the gifts of other believers to support their ministry. Pray Derek and Luda as well as the four children in their ministry to young people.

Church of the Week

Beale Presbyterian Church
Pamplin, VA

Shut-in of the Month

Irvin Crump
2997 Old Evergreen Rd,
Appomattox, VA, 24522

Prayer Concerns from Congregation

Government Leaders

- For the president and administration officials as they allot funding to federal programs.
- For our local officials who are looking for best ways to serve our community.

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