



## Ryan Melson

WEST BANK BAPTIST CHURCH (MARRERO)

### About the Family

My wife, Michelle, and I have been married for 21 years and moved from north Alabama to the West Bank of New Orleans in July 2014. We have two children, Erin (17) and Walker (13). I am pursuing an online M.Div. in Great Commission studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and serve as city coach for Send Network's Generation Send.

### About the Church Plant

We desire West Bank Baptist Church to be a multicultural, multiplying church in an area where very few Southern Baptist churches exist to reach nearly 38,000 people. The religious culture is dominated by Catholicism and prosperity gospel teaching.

God has also opened incredible doors for us in starting friendships and sharing the gospel with our Muslim neighbors, including an estimated 10,000 Palestinians living on the West Bank.

We started in September 2014 as an in-home Bible study on Sunday mornings and have since moved to Miller Wall Elementary in Marrero, where are reaching people in a very tough context.

Find out how you can

**Pray.**

**Participate.**

**Provide.**

**PRAY.**

- For our family as we balance personal time with a growing church.
- For those who have already and those who soon will place their faith in Christ.
- For mature believers to move to Marrero to help disciple these new Christians.

**PARTICIPATE.**

We currently need teams to join us for door-to-door canvassing, Backyard Bible Clubs and other ministry opportunities. For more information on how to partner with us, visit us online at [wearewestbank.com](http://wearewestbank.com).

**PROVIDE.**

There are numerous ways to help a church plant. Please visit [sendnetwork.com/planterfunding](http://sendnetwork.com/planterfunding) for NAMB's policy on providing for church plants.

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