

PAUSE TO PRAY

OCTOBER 5, 2016

CHURCH AND CLERGY – This month is Clergy Appreciation Month. Offer thanksgiving for the pastors and leadership serving you in local congregations. Pray for the healing of any broken and strained relationships and for harmony in your church and among local pastors and believers in your area and state. (Instead of doing something in October, Evangel will observe Pastor Dave’s 40th anniversary in ministry on December 4).

Pray for the **ministry, personal spiritual growth and godly relationships of these missionaries**. Ask God to provide all financial, spiritual and prayer resources to maximize their impact for Jesus’ sake.

David & Carmen Gunderson (Arrive Ministries, Somali Refugees)

Beth Hanna (Camino Global, Mexico)

Ben and Sarah Johnson (Immigrant Hope, Minneapolis, Minnesota)

Alyce Johnson (Proclaim! International)

Select one of our **special-interest missionaries** for prayer and intercession. Pray, also, for the **person seated next to you** on Sunday.

Pray for **Gil Zinke** as he prepares to lead an overseas trip to train and encourage nationals with TLI. Ask the Lord to guide his travel and give effectiveness in his service.

Continue to pray for **Doug F** as he determines the Lord’s leading for his next employment. Ask the Lord to provide wisdom and opportunities for them to consider.

Pray for the sale of **Betty E**’s former “Master Hand Violin” property to be accomplished soon. Ask the Lord to bring a positive result from this week’s showing.

Give thanks for the faithful ministry of **Debbie Hollinger** and **Stephanie Myers** as they assisted our choir for many years. Their professional skills and consistent willingness to serve greatly enhanced the impact our choir was able to have in our worship service.

Continue to pray for **Jay N** as he slowly heals from his broken foot. Ask the Lord to bring relief from the pain he is experiencing.

Pray for the impact that “**Bring Your Bible to School Day**” will have on October 6. Ask the Lord to honor this expression of religious freedom and an opportunity for gracious evangelism. More than 300,000 students are expected to take part, up from 8,000 in the first year of the event (2014).

Praise the Lord that the **GoServ Global** staff and clients are safe following the impact of Hurricane Matthew. Though their facilities and many of the “Safe-T” homes were badly damaged, their ministry to widows, abandoned babies and displaced children will continue. Pray for adequate resources to be raised to aid in rebuilding.

Pray for a positive resolution to the visa difficulties that **Beth Hanna** and other staff from ObreroFiel have experienced, causing their trip to Cuba to be cancelled. Intercede for Christians who live under the persecution of the Communist dictatorship in Cuba.

Intercede for two important congregational gatherings in October. On October 9, we will hold a **Concert of Prayer** during our L.I.F.@E. Time hour. On October 16, we will hold an **Open Forum** to inform and detail the proposals currently before us regarding our Succession Plans. Ask the Lord to inspire us to seek His will with earnestness in these meetings.

Members & Friends: Patricia S, Ron and Nona S, Darren S

MISSION UPDATE

The following is from **Eric and Janet Johnson**, Converge Worldwide, Mexico.

In last month’s letter, Janet shared that she was mentoring two young Mexican women who serve on the other side of the globe. One of those women is in an extremely dangerous situation right now and for the next several weeks, and we ask you to pray fervently for her family (husband and child). Our Father knows exactly what the situation is, and we ask you to join us in prayer on their behalf.

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” (Ephesians 6:12)

We are in the process of beginning a cell group ministry at our church, Iglesia Bautista Gracia de Dios. Our pilot cell group of potential leaders is about to finish up so we can start the first cell groups. Please pray with these leaders as this week they are asking God for clear direction as to their next steps. Will we see two, three, four or five groups start? Where will they meet? Do they want to lead alone, or will they team up? Pray for God’s plan to be accomplished in these groups. And pray for guidance for us to choose wisely for the next training cell.

Last weekend, our young people organized and went on a wonderful retreat! Fifty-four young people, ages 14-25, went, and God moved in a mighty way! The majority of the young people already attend our church, but several were visitors, and a number of them made professions of faith! Please pray that they all will stay strong in their walk with Jesus and make an amazing impact for the Kingdom!!

If you have a prayer concern you would like to put on the Prayer Chain, please contact Gloria Neal at home or at the church office.

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